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First Israelis from Uganda arrive here Masri and eight councillors to stand for polls

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter
LOD REPORT—The first group of Israeli army training personnel ousted from Uganda arrived back at 10.40 last night aboard an El Al Boeing jetliner from Johannesburg. The returnees included five families which had boarded the plane at Nairobi.
They were met at Lod Airport by a large group of newsmen and photographers and by Tal-Aluf Yitzhak Baron, head of foreign aid in the Defence Ministry.
At a press conference shortly after the arrival, Rav-Seren Shraga Tal, who was in charge of parachute training, said that Idi Amin's declaration was as big a surprise for them as it was for people in Israel. They had no inkling that they would be asked to leave the country, he said. They were told to pack up about four or five days ago. He added: "The exodus was organized efficiently and well."
As for reaction by Uganda, he said there were no threats to the lives of the Israelis still in that country. In fact, the people he associated with were conciliatory. General reaction among people in the street was noncommittal.
His wife, Yocheved Tal, looked weary under the glare of the television lights, trying to keep her three-week-old infant quiet. The Tals have three other children, aged 14, 10 and two.
Asked what was the reaction of the Ugandans she knew, she said she could only speak of her three servants — they cried when they heard the Tals were leaving. Her house boy, she said, ran out of the house and brought her back a gift — a jug made out of a pumpkin.
By the end of the week, the entire military mission, numbering about 70 men, some with families, will have returned to Kampala.
Reuters reported the withdrawal of the mission was almost completed.
President Amin had ordered the parachute and army instructors to leave by today. After Israel said it was also withdrawing the Air Force instructors, he gave them until Friday to leave, but they will also have left Uganda by today.

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Nablus Mayor Haj Ma'azouz al-Masri and eight of his councillors last night announced their candidacy for tomorrow's municipal elections, thus assuring an end to two weeks of uncertainty under which the city was swinging between the possibility of control by an incompetent local administration or rule by a military governor.
The decision came in response to a public appeal issued by a gathering of leading notables and representatives of professions and trade unions. Violating their confidence in the council, the 120 participants urged Mayor al-Masri and his colleagues to stand for office in order to "save the city from the current grave crisis."
Mayor al-Masri and his eight colleagues have been in the city's 12-man council for eight years. Ten are elected and two are appointed by the Government in accordance with Jordanian law which is in practice in the area. The mayor's list excluded the 16th council member, ex-mayor Hamdi Kan'an, who withdrew his candidacy last week.
Yesterday's call upon the council to stand for election was seen as a victory for Haj al-Masri, and a defeat to Mr. Kan'an, whose hesitant struggle to topple his former colleague has evidently left him isolated. It brought the number of candidates to 25. Eight local residents who on Saturday announced their candidacy backed out yesterday in favour of the incumbents just before officially registering their nomination.
RETURN CERTAIN
The return of Haj al-Masri and his colleagues seems to be almost certain, as he is likely to garner most of the city's 7,000 votes.
The incumbent council embraces a select group representing the city's most politically and economically influential classes. The council are: Deputy Mayor Mohammed el-Amad, Walid Staitiyeh, Hassan Abdul-Hadi, Hafez Toukan, Dr. Jamal Khayyat, Haj Sidik al-Asmar, Adel Shaka'a, Hassan Khatib and Haj Fawzi al-Kadri.
The West Bank Military Government has often expressed its satisfaction with the Masri administration. Haj al-Masri is a shrewd businessman who maintains tight control of the city finances. In local military circles he is often referred to as the "fifty-fifty man," because he insists on the Military Government covering half the costs of whatever development project the Military Government recommends for the city. "He never budges," one officer said of him.
Military Government personnel further appreciate his calm approach. They recalled that on having been summoned last Monday night twice to Jerusalem for meetings with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and the area commander, T.A. Rafai Vardi, over the ferment in the Nablus election campaign, al-Masri was instrumental in thwarting a crisis.
Meanwhile, other towns involved in tomorrow's elections were still engaged in lively campaigning. The vote tomorrow will be held in eight towns in the Nablus area, including Jenin and Tulkarim, in addition to Jericho, the only town in Judea where municipal elections have been slated for May 2.
The Coordinator of Operations in the Administered Areas, Tal-Aluf Shlomo Gazit, reported to the Cabinet yesterday on the preparations for the West Bank elections.



MAAZOUZ AL-MASRI

Ugandan rift

ISRAEL has done some good work in Uganda — work that was fully appreciated by President Milton Obote, and in his turn by General Idi Amin after he ousted Obote. It is usually easy enough to be wise after the event, but in this case, the event, the sudden rupturing of relations by General Idi Amin, is not yet far enough behind us for anyone to say whether the rupture might have been avoided by more careful policies.
On the face of it, the rupture was brought about by Israel's unwillingness to extend large credits to Uganda for the building and purchase of more Arava planes. It is estimated that Uganda's debt to Israel is at the moment in the neighbourhood of IL100m, and the Ugandan economy is known to be in a precarious situation. The Arava loan was out of the question on the simplest of financial considerations. It is just possible that the General genuinely did not believe that Israel was unable to grant the loan; he may assume that we are much richer than we are, or that we have mysterious limited sources of finance in the U.S., and thus mistakenly have ascribed some measure of ill will to the refusal, or desire to point out the considerable debt already owing to us.
But it still cannot be supposed that General Amin would have broken up the whole structure of Israeli technical aid in Uganda over the matter of the Arava. Successful military training has been in progress in Uganda for years, there was technical aid in other branches, and commercial companies involved in road building and construction work, to say nothing of Ugandan students in Israel. The accusation that Israelis have been "spying" in Uganda is laughable: what is there to discover there that is of concern to Israel? The charge against "Davar" that their report that General Amin had been reluctant to leave Uganda is a piece of speculation, for the fact is that the Israelis had been in the country for years, and would have been the fruit of "espionage" carried out by the Israeli embassy was grotesque, because it was in fact an admission that this piece of speculation was correct. What emerges is the picture of a ruler looking for an excuse for a grievance, a man who has decided to end a political relationship and is ready to make mountains out of molehills in order to please the public by the profitable and popular sanction with Israel must suddenly be severed. The Israeli military instructor is particularly well liked, and the Ugandan army may have been most reluctant to be robbed of their opportunity to discover and share in Israel's military success. General Amin's secret is not very far to seek. Libya has offered to solve Uganda's most pressing financial problems and drop in the bucket for the sprawling Libyan treasury. One of the conditions was that the relationship with Israel should be cut down to a minimum.
It is depressing that a country with the sophistication and size of Uganda should be subjected to such pressures, and even more depressing to speculate whom else Colonel Ghaddafi may be planning to buy. The countries concerned to discover in good time that they alone is not much use, it is not much use to Libya, in the meantime years of noted pioneering work will be lost.

Talks held to avert doctors strike today

Jerusalem Post Staff
Top-level discussions between Health Ministry officials and leaders of the Israel Medical Association were taking place late last night, in efforts to avert the strike by the country's doctors, scheduled to begin this morning.
Meanwhile, the I.M.A. announced last night that it had completed preparations for the three-day strike, which would last until midnight Wednesday.
The work stoppage is aimed against the Government, and the Civil Service Commission, which the doctors claim has refused to honour a written agreement between them to provide refresher courses for senior hospital physicians. The Civil Service Commission has claimed that it lacks the funds for this scheme. I.M.A. claims the Commission prevents other agencies from keeping the agreement.
The I.M.A. left itself an escape clause from the strike, by stating in its press release that if the public agencies employing medical staff announced they would honour the agreement, then the strike could be avoided. This was seen as aimed primarily at the Histadrut's Kupat Holim, which has taken a more conciliatory stand to the doctors' claim. A Kupat Holim spokesman yesterday evening said they were awaiting the outcome of the meeting in Jerusalem.
The I.M.A. charged the Civil Service Commission with once again seeking to drag out the matter, by calling for arbitration on an issue that had been supported unanimously by the professional committee chaired by Dr. Haim Doron, medical director of Kupat Holim.
The strike will involve some 5,000 physicians. It will mean that all Kupat Holim clinics will have only a duty doctor for emergencies. Hospitals will operate with a skeleton staff as on Shabbat and holidays. Excluded from the strike are physicians working in security outposts, frontier villages, the Defence Forces, M.D.A., the police and first aid services.

Nationalization for firms in Bangla Desh

DACCA (AP). — Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of Bangla Desh last night announced a sweeping nationalization decree for the country, giving his Government control of major industries.
In a nation-wide broadcast on the first anniversary of the start of the civil war that led to the creation of Bangla Desh, he said all jute and textile plants, sugar mills, domestic banks and insurance companies were being nationalized. Only foreign-owned banks and insurance firms have been excluded from the Government's decision, he said.

Terrorists surrender peacefully to patrol

Two armed terrorists yesterday surrendered to an army patrol in an encounter near Nahal Nezarim in the Gaza Strip. The Army spokesman announced last night. The terrorists offered no resistance.
One of the men is suspected of murdering a number of local residents and of smuggling arms. The other man is suspected of firing at a military vehicle and assaulting a local policeman.
Another clash on Golan Heights
TEL AVIV. — Small arms fire and bazooka projectiles were reported fired from Syria in the southern Golan for the second night running yesterday. No damage or casualties were reported.
Snipers believed to have been terrorists, fired several bazooka shells and a number of bursts of light automatic weapons bursts at an army outpost near the frontier. The outpost returned the fire.

RAFIAH FENCE FINDINGS Officers exceeded their authority

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A number of senior Army officers and a Government official exceeded their authority in the evacuation of Beduin in the Rafiah district and in fencing off of the area for Jewish settlements. This was the conclusion of a committee of inquiry appointed by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, to investigate complaints by the sheikhs of the tribes involved.
Reporting on the committee findings to the Cabinet yesterday, Rav-Aluf Elazar said that he would act in accordance with recommendations of the Judge Advocate-General on disciplinary measures to be taken against the offenders.
He had appointed a committee to deal with the "rehabilitation" of the evacuated Beduin. At the suggestion of Deputies of the Agriculture, Regional and Planning Ministries were coopted to this committee.
The Chief of Staff told the Cabinet that the committee found that Army officers had neither initiated nor encouraged the lodging of the complaints by the Beduin, as some newspapers had reported.
The matter was first raised in the Cabinet two weeks ago, when Mapam Health Minister Victor Shemtov asked what truth there was in complaints by members of the Negev kibbutzim that the Beduin had been harshly treated during the evacuation operation and had not been adequately compensated.
While no names were mentioned in the official communication, it will be recalled that Southern Command Aluf Ariel Sharon, was responsible for the area at the time the fencing-in took place, during December.
It is understood that a number of steps are being taken to allay the situation of the transferred Beduin. In addition to being financially compensated, they would also be helped to become farmers again.
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Hussein War decision off to Washington Sadat says

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Jordan's King Hussein left Amman yesterday for Washington on a six-week tour which is likely to take him to Britain, France and other European countries.
Hussein's trip to the U.S. is motivated by his desire to discuss the Middle East conflict with President Nixon before the latter goes for a summit meeting in Moscow in May, and to explain his plan for a Jordanian-Palestinian federation.
The Jordanian monarch was accompanied by a large delegation of political and military aides, Amman radio reported last night.
Hussein is expected to stay in the U.S. for several days during which he will receive medical treatment for an undisclosed ailment.
Our Diplomatic correspondent adds:
Hussein is expected to meet Mr. Nixon tomorrow. His visit to the U.S. is expected to win considerable publicity, coming so soon after the announcement of his federation plan, which re-established him as a factor to be taken into account in the Middle East.
Jerusalem observers pointed out yesterday that the U.S. had not yet reacted in any way to Hussein's plan, and no official reaction is expected.
In Cairo, the newspaper "Al-Ahram" reported that Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mourad Ghaleb, is to visit the Soviet Union next month for talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on the Middle East crisis.
Dr. Ghaleb's visit was part of a new diplomatic campaign to explain Egypt's views on latest developments in the conflict with Israel.

Socialists vote to ignore French Mart referendum

PARIS (AP). — The French Socialist Party said yesterday it would boycott the forthcoming national referendum to approve the enlargement of the six-member European Economic Community (E.E.C.) to Britain, Ireland, Denmark and Norway.
The decision was made at an emergency congress in suburban Suresnes, at which a call for abstention at the referendum got a 2,970-110 delegate votes majority, with only 31 delegates calling for a "no" vote at the referendum, and 79 calling for a "yes" vote.
While the Socialist Party supports the Common Market idea and its enlargement to other countries, it based its abstention on its view that the referendum was only an excuse for a personal plebiscite to endorse President Georges Pompidou's political performance since he took office in June, 1969.
Gaddafi has apparently offered to solve Uganda's most pressing financial problems and drop in the bucket for the sprawling Libyan treasury. One of the conditions was that the relationship with Israel should be cut down to a minimum.
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Seder rally in London

LONDON (INA). — More than 2,000 persons here yesterday joined in a protest march and symbolic seder aimed at protesting the mistreatment of Soviet Jews.
The demonstrators marched from "Speakers Corner" in Hyde Park, the traditional site of Londoners for their demonstrations, to the gates of the Soviet Embassy.
100 said killed in abortive Salvador coup
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP). — Over 100 military men and civilians were reported killed and an equal number were wounded in Saturday's attempt to overthrow Salvadoran President Fidel Sanchez Hernandez.
The coup attempt was staged by a group of young army officers and leaders of the defeated Christian Democrat Party, President Sanchez Hernandez announced yesterday morning over radio and television.
The President said the rebels surrendered at 7 p.m. on Saturday and that the situation was under Government control, with complete support from the armed forces.
Dressed in green fatigues, and looking tired for the long hours under stress as prisoner of the rebels, Mr. Sanchez Hernandez revealed some details of the coup.
He said Colonel Benjamin Mejia, commander of the artillery force El Zapote, and Christian Democrat Party leader Napoleon Duarte, defeated presidential candidate, were leaders of the coup.
The President said that shortly before 3.30 a.m. Saturday, three loyal officers arrived at his residence to report that something abnormal was happening at the El Zapote Fort, where the army keeps its arms and ammunition. It is located across from the Presidential Palace.
Several platoons later arrived in armoured vehicles and attacked Sanchez Hernandez's residence. "We surrendered at 5.15 a.m., because we ran out of ammunition," the President said during his speech to the nation. He was captured by the rebels, along with his 17-year-old daughter, Maritinka, and several of his friends. He said the rebels took him to El Zapote, "where we were jailed."
He related that he was taken to an ammunition dump "to frighten me with the possibility of an explosion that would have blown the barracks to pieces."
At 9 a.m. a rebel announcement was read over two radio stations. The rebel manifesto — signed by Colonel Benjamin Mejia — said that President Sanchez Hernandez had been deposed and that he would be brought before justice. It also announced the dissolution of the Cabinet and the dissolution of the Congress and the Executive Branch. It also stated that a revolutionary government junta would govern by decree.

MAPAM TURNABOUT OVER SETTLEMENT

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — In another demonstration of dialectics, Mapam turned a political somersault yesterday when its organizational and financial backbone, the Kibbutz Artzi, called for settling the Rafiah area.
This came at the end of a week-long political storm which culminates in the party's special Knesset session brought about by the Mapam Secretary's endorsement of the attacks by a rally of leftist kibbutz elements on Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip and the Rafiah area. Mapam had come under attack for having sharply opposed fencing operations inside the Gaza Strip well before the inquiry committee of the Chief of Staff had completed its work.
Two decisions were adopted by the Kibbutz Artzi Council, which held a closed session yesterday at its head offices in Leonardo Da Vinci street here. One backed the criticism of Gaza Strip border kibbutzim of the methods used in fencing areas inside the Strip. The operative one came in the form of a recommendation to the Mapam Secretariat "to consider settlement in the Rafiah region." Such a decision is tantamount to a policy decision, considering the Kibbutz Artzi's dominant role in the party.
This switch is considered the result of the ascendancy of the moderating influence of Ya'acov Hazan over Meir Ya'ari, his fellow member in Mapam's "historic leadership." Mr. Hazan gained encouragement from the sharp criticism meted out on Thursday by Premier Golda Meir to the Mapam leadership when she inveighed against Mapam's attack on longstanding Government policy on security settlement in the Rafiah area. Moreover, the new move by Kibbutz Artzi is also a sharp reprimand to Kerem Shalom, one of the more leftist constitutions, which has spearheaded opposition to Jewish settlement in the adjoining Rafiah region.
The Kibbutz Artzi decision will make it easier for Mapam's allies in the Labour Party when the Knesset session convenes this morning in Jerusalem, prior to the plenum. Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili has been porticoed to respond to the opposition motion. "He will ask the House to strike the motion off the agenda, and so doing invite objections at the faction meeting from Labour Party members critical of the kid-gloves treatment of Mapam by their party leadership.
Officer dies of injuries from Galilee mining
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Sergei Amikam Kramer (Sagie), 24, from Haifa, who was seriously wounded when a military vehicle touched off a terrorist planted mine near Carmel ten days ago, died of his injuries in Rambam Hospital in Haifa yesterday.
He was buried in Haifa yesterday afternoon.
Two other soldiers, an officer and a corporal, were killed in the incident, which occurred on a dirt track some three kilometres west of Carmel.

SYRIA NAMES NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — A Republican decree was issued here yesterday appointing Major-General Youssef Shakkour as Chief of Staff of the Syrian Armed Forces.
Major-General Mustafa Tlas, Deputy Supreme Commander in Chief of the armed forces, had held this post until his appointment as Minister of Defence in the new Government formed on Thursday. General Shakkour has held several important military posts, including Deputy Chief of Staff of the armed forces.

Argentine left extends 'execution' deadline

Buenos Aires (UPI). — Leftist militias holding Italian industrialist Oberdan Salustro hostage yesterday extended for 36 hours the time they had set, threatening to execute him if ransom demands were met.
The extension was reported by Concord executives, who said kidnappers from the newspapers "Oca" and "Razon."
Salustro, 56-year-old Fiat-Concord manager, was seized last day by a seven-member band of Peoples' Revolutionary Army threatened to execute him at noon yesterday if its conditions were not met. The new deadline is midnight.
The original deadline passed with no word of Salustro's fate until the communiques, with pictures of Salustro in a "People's Jail," were found at about 3 p.m.
A Fiat spokesman said the terrorists apparently had withdrawn key demands that the Government free and pay to Algeria 50 million guerrillas and release an undetermined number of imprisoned union leaders.
Fiat-Concord earlier agreed to the guerrillas' other demands, including \$1m. in ransom, but the Government refused to free the prisoners, saying it would not negotiate with the kidnappers. The terrorists said the ransom money would be used to buy school supplies for poor children.
Fiat-Concord also agreed to rehire more than 200 workers discharged during labour troubles last October at the company's big auto and train factories in the industrial city of Cordoba. (AP, Reuters, UPI)

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Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Zahman Shazar, yesterday received Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung, chairman of the AJDC Cultural Committee; Rabbi Shear Yashuv-Cohen, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem; and Mr. Avraham Schenker, of the Jewish Agency Executive.

A tree-planting ceremony will take place at the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles at Har Hazikaron in Jerusalem tomorrow at 10.45 a.m. in honour of Jan and Petronella Kanis, of Holland, and Mikolaj and Karolina Kmita, of Poland, who rescued Jews from the hands of the Nazis during the German occupation of their countries during World War II. The ceremony is under the auspices of Yad Vashem.

Josette Alkalay will play piano pieces by Bach-Busoni, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Liszt at the YMCA Auditorium tonight at 8.30 p.m.

Dr. Henry Levy will lecture on: "New Methods in Modern Psychiatry," today at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem West Rotary Club, seven o'clock, at the President Hotel.

South Africa names Consul to Israel

JOHANNESBURG (INA). — A senior South African diplomat, Dr. Charles Fincham, has been named as South Africa's first Consul-General to Israel.

He will open South Africa's Consulate-General in Tel Aviv some time next month, it was announced here. Dr. Fincham formerly served in the South African diplomatic service in The Hague, Berlin, Ottawa and New York.

U.S. grounds A-7 jets in Vietnam after third crash

SAIGON (AP). — A third A-7 fighter-bomber, the aircraft which has been grounded or restricted to urgent missions only because of engine problems, has crashed in the past week and the pilot is missing, the U.S. Command announced yesterday.

A spokesman for the 7th Fleet said a Navy A-7 Corsair crashed Thursday 100 kms. southwest of Da Nang, but announcement was withheld until Sunday pending completion of a "unsuccessful" search for the pilot. The plane was returning to the carrier Kitty Hawk from a mission in Laos. Shortly after the crash — the second for the Navy in Indochina in five days — the 60 A-7s deployed on board 7th Fleet aircraft carriers in Southeast Asia were grounded.

The Air Force grounded all of its 144 A-7D Corsairs assigned to the Tactical Air Command at U.S. bases following a crash March 19 of one of the planes. It marked the second time in five months that the A-7s have been grounded.

Elsewhere, the U.S. Command reported that a helicopter gunship was shot down Saturday in the Central Highlands, 20 kms. northwest of Kootum. The two crewmen were rescued.

In the southern Central Highlands, a U.S. truck was ambushed on Highway 11, about 9 kms. south of the resort town of Dalat. One American soldier was wounded, and the truck sustained minor damage, the Command said.

The Saigon military command, meanwhile, raised to 106 the number of North Vietnamese troops claimed killed in day-long fighting on Saturday near Firebase Bastogne, a former base of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division, 18 kms. southwest of Hue.

We share the grief of our dear friend
Nakhan Genen
 on the untimely death of his sister
LEAH
 Our sincere condolences to the family.
Ettia and Issachar Haimovic

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who extended their condolences on the death of our beloved
HEINZ PICARD
 On behalf of the family
LISA PICARD

In deep sorrow we feel the death of our beloved relative and friend
Adolfo (Dolly) Silberman
 Dr. Joseph and Martha PLESKOFF
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 Israel ADLERSTEIN and Family
 Robert and Sonia NEIMAN

We express our condolences to
MICHAEL ELIZUR
 on the death of his
FATHER
 The National Executive and
 The Israel Office of the
 American Jewish Committee

On the first anniversary of the death of my wife,
 my beloved mother
ANNI SILBERBACH
 a memorial meeting and the unveiling of the tombstone will take place today, Monday, March 27, at 4 p.m. at the Bat Yam-Holon Cemetery.
 Transportation will leave at 3.30 p.m. from Rehov Yehuda Halevi, corner Rehov Cremieux, Tel Aviv.
 Dr. Walter and Maya Silberbach

To Sgan-Aluf Zvi John White
 We share your grief on the death of your
FATHER
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MALTA, U.K. SIGN NEW DEFENCE PACT



Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff, left, and British Defence Secretary Lord Carrington sign new defence pact at Marlborough House in London yesterday. (AP radio photo)

LONDON (UPI). — Britain and Malta yesterday signed a new seven-year defence pact after nine months of haggling and a bare five days before the last British troops were to have left.

The agreement provided Britain would continue to maintain a garrison of a little more than 3,000 men — only a few hundred fewer than in the past.

It also specifically barred its use as a base by the Soviet Union or other Warsaw Pact countries. But it contained no provision for use of Valletta's Grand Harbour by the U.S. Sixth Fleet or other Nato warships.

The agreement was signed by Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff and British Defence Secretary Lord Carrington in a brief ceremony at Marlborough House, home of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Mr. Mintoff later told a press conference that for the first time he had been given an assurance by Brit-

tain that the bases in Malta "will not be used against any Arab state." This he said was a very important assurance and if it was broken "then the defence agreement will not hold any more."

The Prime Minister added that when the seven-year pact expired Malta would have become economically independent and there would then be no military bases belonging to anyone. It was Malta's intention to be non-aligned.

LUNS' VISIT

Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns, who begins an official visit here today, attended the ceremony and a lunch beforehand but did not sign.

Under the new pact Britain and Nato together will pay £14m. annually for use of the bases by British forces. Britain will pay £5.25m. of this.

Italy has also offered Malta £2.5m. as bilateral economic development aid and the U.S. is expected to consider giving its own bilateral aid to Malta now that the new agreement has been signed.

Before Mr. Mintoff's Labour Government came into power, Malta got about \$5m. annually as payment for the use of the British bases.

(UPI, Reuters)
Eric Silver cables from London:
 Under the pact, Libyan technicians will also vacate Malta's airport which will revert solely to British Air Force control.

The Maltese Premier paid fulsome tribute to the Libyans who, he said, had helped his country survive the nine months of its wrangle with Britain and Nato. He saw Malta's role as that of a bridge between Europe and North Africa but would say nothing about any future Libyan presence.

The scale of the continued British presence, including servicemen's families, means that the British spending in Malta as distinct from the rent will remain similar to the old figure of £15m. a year. When the immediate sums are done this means that Mr. Mintoff will be attracting about £10m. a year more than he was doing under the previous agreement. This represents an increase of about 50 per cent.

The effect of the nine-month dispute on Malta's economy, however, is likely to prove so serious that the net gain will be negligible. The basic civilian industries are at a standstill and business confidence, domestic and foreign, has fallen very heavily.

Scheel expects Arab ties soon

BONN (Reuters). — Foreign Minister Walter Scheel said yesterday he expects West Germany to resume diplomatic relations with Arab countries shortly.

In a radio interview, he said Egypt would be one of the first countries with whom this question would be discussed. Egypt, along with the other Arab League countries, broke off relations in 1956 in protest against West German aid to Israel. Since then Jordan, Yemen, Sudan and Algeria have resumed relations.

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Davis
 offer condolences to the family on the untimely death of
ELIEZER GRUSZKA

In deep sorrow we sadly announce the death of our beloved sister
Mrs. BLUMA GROSSMAN
 Deeply mourned by her brother Aubrey Litt
 and Sylvia
 Astor Hotel, Tel Aviv

We deeply mourn the death of our dear
BLUMA GROSSMAN
 Shiva at the Litt family suite, Astor Hotel, Tel Aviv.
 Moadon Haaleb, Tel Aviv

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Chou attends banquet for Riad

PEKING (Reuters). — Chinese Premier Chou En-lai last night attended a banquet given by Mr. Mahmoud Riad, personal representative and adviser on foreign affairs to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in what has been interpreted as a significant gesture.

The dinner was given by Mr. Riad in honour of Vice-Premier Li Hsiennien to return one given by Mr. Li on Wednesday, and Mr. Chou's attendance was a surprise and seen here as a special mark of respect for the former Egyptian Foreign Minister.

Also, in departure from usual protocol, an after-dinner speech was delivered by Chinese Foreign Minister Chi Pen-fel.

Stressing China's support of the Arab people's liberation struggles, he said, "The Chinese Government believes that it is impossible to gain at the conference table what one cannot win on the battlefield. We resolutely support the Egyptian Government in its protracted struggle to recover the occupied Arab territories."

Mr. Chou's presence at the banquet and Mr. Chi's statement was seen by observers here as indication of an upward move in Sino-Egyptian relations — which have not been particularly good since the Six Day War — following the week's talks.

Peking hit by tremor

BELGRADE (AP). — An earthquake shook Peking Saturday night and caused considerable damage, a report from the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said here yesterday.

The report said the shock caused some panic and at least one old building had collapsed. It added that the Chinese press, which does not normally inform the public of natural disasters, has not reported the quake.

French A-tests due in June

PAPEETE, Tahiti (UPI). — France will conduct two atmospheric nuclear tests in its Pacific experimental centre on or around June 1, a French Government official said yesterday.

French Polynesia's chief executive Governor, Pierre Angeli, said procedures had begun to conduct tests "of very feeble importance for checking and verifying."

France abruptly cancelled last year's series of atomic tests on September 1 following protests by Pacific area nations including Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Peru threatened to break off diplomatic relations with France. The French never admitted in public they ended the tests to bow to Peruvian pressure.

Soviet Salt negotiator back for talks

HELSINKI (Reuters). — Chief Soviet negotiator Vladimir Semynov arrived here yesterday by train from Leningrad for the seventh round of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt) with the U.S.

Beginning tomorrow and alternating between the respective embassies here, the two sides will have eight weeks of negotiation before the Moscow visit of President Nixon.

In marked contrast with Saturday's arrival statement by the head of the U.S. team, Mr. Gerard Smith, the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister expressed no hopes or expectations for the forthcoming session in his statement at the railway station here.

He referred to the comments made by Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev at last Monday's 15th Congress of the Soviet Trade Unions that Moscow attached great importance to Salt and was in favour of achieving mutually acceptable agreement on the basis of the principle of identical security.

Iraqi delegation starts Cairo talks

CAIRO (Reuters). — A high-level Iraqi delegation, which has been spending five days conferring in Damascus, last night began talks with Egyptian officials on an Iraqi proposal for a union between Egypt, Syria and Iraq — but without any mention of Libya.

The Iraqis, who left Damascus yesterday, are led by Vice-President Saddam Hussein al Takriti and the delegation met with an Egyptian one headed by Vice-President Mahmoud Fawzi.

President Sadat is in Mersa Matruh, the port on the western border, following two days of talks with Libyan chief of state Muammer Gaddafi.

The Iraqi proposal was put forward 11 days ago as a counter to King Hussein's plan for a federal kingdom of both banks of the Jordan. Syria had told the Iraqi delega-

tion that it will submit the Iraqi proposal to the presidential council of the federation.

A press statement issued by the Syrian Government on the results of talks with the Iraqi delegation, said that the two sides discussed the current situation in the area, the Iraqi proposal, and bilateral relations. The two sides, the statement said, emphasized the importance of the unified action as a basic means to achieve Arab goals "in building a united Arab socialist society and in countering the Zionist enemy. The Syrian side, therefore, emphasized that it will submit the Iraqi proposals to the Presidential Council of the United Arab Republic for discussions."

The Presidential Council is composed of the presidents of Egypt, Syria and Libya.

Protestants to strike against Ulster plan

BELFAST (UPI). — Protestant extremists yesterday forecast "huge success" in a two-day strike they called to sabotage plans for direct rule of Northern Ireland. The protest was to begin at midnight yesterday.

"There has been a British sellout of loyalist (Protestant) Ulster," said a spokesman for the Vanguard, the hard-line Ulster right-wing organization.

Vanguard's leader, former Home Affairs Minister William Craig, said he expected more than 185,000 Protestant workers to walk off their jobs today. He termed the strike "a flexing of muscles to indicate our strength... the beginning of a continuing campaign... to make the British Government see that its plan for Ulster is doomed to failure."

The South Government on Friday suspended Northern Ireland's Parliament and Government, ending 51 years of Protestant rule in the province.

British army experts yesterday defused a 45-kg. gelignite bomb left in a parked car outside a pub in the Roman Catholic Falls Road area, an army spokesman said.

Elsewhere in the city, guerrillas planted two bombs at a bus building factory on Saturday night, touching off a fire that destroyed several vehicles. There were no injuries. At Markeethill, 32 kms. from the border, in County Armagh, a

Ex-general's son seized in Caucasus

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Ukrainian Yuri Shukhevich, 37, whose father, a former general, headed an extremist armed group of nationalists before and during World War II, has been arrested in the Caucasus, reliable sources said here yesterday.

They said Shukhevich, who has already served a total of 20 years in Soviet labour camps, was detained in the town of Nalchik in the beginning of March. His arrest was believed connected with the detention of Mrs. Nina Karavanskaya last December while travelling from Nalchik to Odessa, the sources said.

A microbiologist, Mrs. Karavanskaya has been charged under the Ukrainian Criminal Code with offences involving "anti-Soviet agitation," according to the "Chronicle of Current Events," an underground publication.

Shukhevich's father served under Stepan Banderas, who was active in the traditionally nationalist western Ukraine, and announced formation of an independent state when the Nazis occupied Lvov in the Second World War. He and his group were arrested and sent to concentration camps.

Feet on fire Cables in brief

STONEY (Reuters). — Walter Gates of Sydney suffers from sore feet but they were positively painful yesterday — they burst into flames as he was out walking on Saturday night.

For years he has rubbed his feet with methylated spirit before his evening stroll. Police said Saturday night's routine was as usual until he carelessly flicked away a cigarette and went up in flames.

A hospital spokesman said Mr. Gates' condition was satisfactory.

Five terrorists slain in Philippine clash

MANILA (AP). — Five members of the anti-government New People's Army (N.P.A.) and a government trooper were killed in an encounter in a village in the northern Philippine province of Isabela, between police and the N.P.A., the "Manila Times" said yesterday.

Quoting National Police reports, the "Times" said the clash took place when Government troops discovered an N.P.A. camp in Sungan, Isabela. The gun battle lasted for an hour.

Ministers study high cost of housing

The Cabinet yesterday set up a committee of Ministers to study the situation of the construction industry. The chairman will be Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef, who proposed the establishment of the committee.

The other members are the Ministers of Agriculture, Commerce and Industry, Labour, Interior and Immigration, Absorption and the Governor of the Bank of Israel.

The committee will go into the question of the high price of housing, which has been the subject of public controversy for many months.

Among the possible measures likely to be considered are the release of public land for construction in order to reduce land prices and cutting taxes on building materials.

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Yemenis say 60 slain at wedding

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Yemeni Republic yesterday accused armed men from Southern Yemen of machine-gunning a wedding ceremony, killing 60 men, women and children and injuring several others.

A statement by the Yemeni Arab Republic Embassy here said this was one of a number of new incidents committed by the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen in the past few days, resulting in more than 80 people being killed and scores of others being wounded.

The statement said the attack on the wedding ceremony took place in Wazieh Village, near the southwest border between the two countries. In another incident, according to the statement, a mine was planted in a house in another village near the border, killing a woman.

"During the funeral, a land mine went off on the road to the cemetery and 12 people were killed and several others wounded," the statement added.

The statement continued: "The Sana'a authorities consider the Aden authorities fully responsible for any consequences resulting from these attacks against life and property, and declare that there are limits to Sana'a's patience. If the Aden authorities persist in this policy a civil war will follow."

Mena banned in South Yemen

LONDON (INA). — The "Sunday Telegraph" reported yesterday, "An Egyptian Government agency has become the first casualty in Russia's struggle with China for influence in the Persian Gulf. The Marxist government of South Yemen has demanded that the Middle East News Agency should stop operating in Aden." The agency is an official Egyptian organization.

This move came in retaliation for Egypt's closure in Castro of the office of the Popular Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arab Gulf. That step was taken at the insistence of Russia, which is afraid of the expansion of Chinese influence in southern Arabia.

Both the Soviet Union and China are pouring men and money into the impoverished South Yemen, most extreme of all the Arab states, and Russia has just delivered a consignment of tanks and MiG-17 planes, the paper reported. China helps the Aden regime with technical assistance, but it sends arms and instructors to assist the South Yemen-based rebels fighting in neighbouring Dhofar.

Boumedienne to meet Bourguiba next month

ALGIERS (Reuters). — Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba will probably hold a summit meeting in Tunis next month, official sources said here Saturday night.

They said the date of the summit — which will be the first meeting between the two North African leaders — had not been fixed definitely, but would probably be announced at the end of the current visit here by Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nouris. Tunisian official sources said the meeting was scheduled in principle for the last week of April.

Martial law remains in 11 Turkish provinces

ANKARA (AP). — The Turkish Parliament Saturday night extended for another two months martial law in 11 provinces as Interior Minister Ferit Kubat said the democratic parliamentary regime is still in danger.

Among major parties, only the moderate-left Republican People's Party opposed extension. Kubat read a 42-page statement listing extremist, mostly leftist, activities uncovered by martial law authorities in the last two months.

16 SMALLPOX CASES IN SYRIA REPORTED

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — The Syrian Health Ministry has notified the World Health Organization (WHO) about 16 cases of smallpox in northeast Syria, it was announced here. Health Minister Mahmoud Sa'adeh said the outbreak was in the Mayadin area of the Deir el-Zor Province.

He said the Ministry had decided to launch a general vaccination drive and seal off some of the villages in the eastern provinces. The first case was a child who had arrived from Iraq recently, the Minister added.

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MUTUAL RESERVATIONS Bhutto-Gandhi talks expected in April

NEW DELHI — A meeting between Pakistan President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is expected to take place in April. India still has doubts that the Pakistan leader is sincerely committed to an abiding settlement of the conflicts between the two countries, while Mr. Bhutto also holds similar reservations about India's intentions. Before the meeting is possible, both leaders will have to overcome some of their mutual mistrust.

The Soviet Union has suggested that India should take Bhutto's call for peace and negotiation (rather than confrontation) at its face value and give him a chance. India is inclined to go along with this.

Letters on the localities of the meeting and its time are passing between Indian and Pakistan through the Swiss, whose embassies look after the interests of each country in the other.

Though the need for talks is more urgent with Bhutto, he is nervous that India, as the victor, will insist on terms that will be politically disastrous for him, and that it would use the prisoners of war — his vulnerable flank — to extract harsh concessions.

Climate for talks

The Soviet Union has assured Bhutto it will create a climate that would make the talks possible. Mr. Bhutto in his turn is expected to help the Soviets realize the revived collective security agreement they have proposed for Asia.

India has sent assurances that it has no designs on Pakistan's integrity and independence. It has indicated the issues that it would like discussed. These would be a categorical and mutual renunciation of the use of force to settle disputes; the Kashmir problem; conversion of cease-fire line into permanent international boundaries; and give and take on both sides, and the restoration of diplomatic relations.

New record set in marathon race

NETANYA — The 42-km. "Tel Aviv" relay race ended Saturday beside the ruins of ancient Tel Aviv with a new record-holder, Shani Mashrafi of Tel Aviv University. Despite muddy conditions over the last three kilometers of the course, Mashrafi managed to finish the race in two hours, 36 minutes and 28 seconds — the fastest time in the event's five-year history.

Coming in second was Gavriel Koren of Yad Mordechai, with a time of 3:14.2. Champion walker Shani Fedani walked the distance in 5:22.0.

The race, which commemorates the battle with the Philistines at Tel Ezer 3,050 years ago, was organized by Yitzhak Braz for Mach's committee on popular sport. The prize is a shield in memory of paratrooper Shmuel Yehel, which is presented to the winner by his father. Also honoured with the prize was Zvi Segal of the police, having taken part in all five races to date.

The race was observed this year by a research team from Tel Haomer hospital, who made various tests on the runners before and after the marathon race.

On the prisoners of war, it has said it will act in consultation with Sheikh Mujib. This does not imply that the Bangla Desh Premier will be present at the talks for Mr. Bhutto has said he would meet Sheikh Mujib after his talks with Mrs. Gandhi.

In Rawalpindi on Saturday night, President Bhutto, asked about his possible visit to New Delhi for the talks with Indira Gandhi, said: "You can rule it out now."

However, he added, "I have so many things to tell her, so many things to discuss."

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Bhutto said angrily that if India thought she could keep Pakistani prisoners of war indefinitely, "she's sadly mistaken."

Indoctrinated

He said he knew that Pakistanis held prisoner by India had been indoctrinated and put into separate camps according to ethnic origin. "But India cannot convert them into Hindus even if she tries for a hundred years."

Continuing in an angry mood, President Bhutto said if India wanted to keep prisoners for 20 years, India can keep them for 20 years. "And if I'm not acceptable, I'll stop aside," he said.

"So let us now come down to reality. Either you (India) accept now the question of peace with honour, or you stop the humiliation of my armed forces and my people."

"And stop the brutal killing of my people."

"And if the people of Pakistan cannot stomach that, I tell them goodbye. Find someone else to take up the responsibility."

Mr. Bhutto said the choice was quite clear.

"The question is this — if India wants to take this attitude, she'll either have to deal with another civilian president or another military regime." (ANS, Reuters)

Wife of hijack trial condemned beaten by police

MOSCOW (AP) — The wife of a defendant in the second Leningrad hijack trial was detained, searched and severely beaten just after she visited her husband at the Potma labour camp, Jewish sources reported last week.

The sources said policemen arrested Eva Butman and a companion March 20 at the Potma railway station and held them for six hours. The two had been waiting for a train back to Moscow after Mrs. Butman visited her husband, Gille Butman, at the Potma Camp complex about 480 km. southeast of the capital.

Butman, a 39-year-old Leningrad engineer, was sentenced to a 10-year term last May for complicity in an alleged plot to hijack a small airliner from Leningrad airport and flee to Israel.

The sources also reported that nine Jewish prisoners and 10 non-Jews staged a hunger strike March 11-15 to protest against conditions in the Potma camp. Among the Jews were Viktor Boguslavsky and Anatoly Altman, also sentenced in connection with the hijack plot. Boguslavsky suffered a mild heart attack on the third day of the strike, the sources said.



Luxembourg Eurovision prizewinner Vicky Leandros waves to the audience at Usher Hall, Edinburgh, Saturday night, after winning the song contest. (AP Photo)

Mexican terrorism put down

By ALAN BENNETT

MEXICO CITY (FWF). — AFTER a couple of years of increasing banditry and armed political subversion — which led, among other things, to the expulsion last year of five members of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City (most of them allegedly KGB agents) — the Mexican police have scored a notable success this year with the capture of seven members of the Frente Urbano Zapata (FUZ) who were believed to have been responsible for the kidnapping last September of Jolie Hirschfeld Almada, Mexico's Director of Civil Aviation and a wealthy and close friend of the President, Luis Echeverria Alvarez.

The armoury displayed to the press by the police consisted of considerable quantities of modern sub-machine guns, and though the capture of the FUZ guerrillas was a notable coup, there remains anxiety that left-wing plots to create unrest in the country — where political turbulence is by no means a new or infrequent phenomenon and where preparation has been well advanced for at least the last three years — have by no means exhausted their impetus.

Mysterious death

Almost simultaneously the rebel leader of the Guerrero region near Acapulco, Genaro Vasquez Rojas — named as "man of the year" by one Mexico City left-wing weekly — met his death in circumstances which are still far from clear. Early reports were to the effect that he had been killed in a gun-battle with the Mexican armed forces. The new official version is that he met his death in a road accident, and that stories to the contrary are merely attempts to build up to greater heights the legendary reputation he had achieved as a "Robin Hood" or Che Guevara-type bandit fighter. Thirty-four years old and a former school teacher, he achieved fame for his exploits which included the kidnapping last November of the Rector of Guerrero University, Senor Castrejon.

On that occasion the ransom demand included the release of nine political prisoners, who — after Castrejon had been held for a week — were duly released by the government and flown to Cuba. Castrejon's opinion

of his captors was that they were politically unsophisticated and, to put it mildly, not over-intelligent. Since Guerrero is one of the least developed regions of Mexico, it may well be that the kidnapping was no more than a piece of melodrama with a superficial coating of political glamour.

Nevertheless, political violence has troubled Mexico since the confrontation between students and police at the time of the Olympic Games in 1968, repercussions of which continue to be felt.

Soviet plan

There can be little doubt that since about that time, and even before, a deliberate Soviet plan had been put into action to recruit, send for training to Patrice Lumumba University in Moscow and then return to Mexico, under North Korean auspices, a number of disaffected young Mexicans, the chief of whom has been named as Fabricio Gomez Souza, Gomez, already potentially a mifit in both his profession and in Mexican society, received special training both in Moscow and then in Pyongyang, and was the organized of at least two groups of Mexican students who returned to their country about August 1970 as members of the Movimiento de Accion Revolucionaria (MAR).

By July of last year the 40 or so members of MAR were reportedly ready to begin a campaign of bombing and terrorism in Mexico City. Less clear is whether they were also involved in a series of bank robberies and threatened kidnappings in three separate areas of the country: Acapulco, Monterrey and Chihuahua.

But in the last three months of last year a wave of bank robberies took place in these centres and in Guadalajara — the latest just before Christmas.

In January of this year there were two armed robberies in Chihuahua

ELECTION DANGER FOR BRANDT'S 'OSTPOLITIK'

By BRIAN ARTHUR

BOXX — Even if socialist Chancellor Willy Brandt should be toppled over his controversial eastern policy, it is certain a new government under conservative Rainer Barzel will not return to the rigid posture towards the East bloc adopted by the Christian Democratic (CDU) predecessors.

On the contrary, Mr. Barzel will seek to salvage what he can from the ruins left by Mr. Brandt's non-aggression pact with Moscow and Warsaw fail to gain necessary parliamentary approval in the decisive ratification debate May 3-4.

The opposition leader frankly conceded last week that a new CDU government "cannot simply pick up again where (former CDU Chancellor) Kurt Kiesinger left off" in 1969. This held true also "for our (East-West) German and foreign policies," he added.

Mr. Barzel indicated that, once in power, he would even agree to a European security conference as

sought by the Russians — if the Kremlin permits last September's four-power Berlin agreement to go into force. Moscow has so far said it won't sign the final Berlin protocol until Bonn has ratified the eastern treaties.

Goodwill pacts

Mr. Barzel has already abandoned many cornerstones of Christian Democratic eastern policy. Thus, he has never rejected outright Mr. Brandt's goodwill pacts with the Poles and Soviets. Instead, Mr. Barzel has hinged acceptance to fulfilment of several flexible conditions by Moscow among them inclusion of the right to all-German self-determination in the treaty "framework."

Almost unnoticed by the broad public at home, Mr. Barzel has expressly accepted Communist East Germany as a "political reality" with which he is ready to sign a "basic treaty regulating mutual relations," wording almost identical to that used by Mr. Brandt.

It is believed Mr. Barzel hardly relishes the prospect of harvesting the wrath of both East and West for letting the treaties fall and stalemating most of the movement towards détente which has built up over the past two years.

Against this background, Germany's respected newspaper "Frankfurter Allgemeine" reported a few days ago the CDU may attempt a "vote of no-confidence" in the Bundestag to oust Mr. Brandt before the eastern treaties come up for a decision in early May.

Assuming he could muster enough dissatisfied government deputies to elect him Chancellor, Mr. Barzel could then "lay the treaties aside," as he has in the past suggested, presumably in hopes of gaining more concessions from the Kremlin.

New elections

CDU sources say this is "hypothetical" at the moment, and Mr. Barzel himself repeated over the weekend that he prefers dissolution of parliament and "new elections as the most agreeable solution."

The threat of new elections may well provide the more realistic key

for all parties to avoid the international embarrassment resulting from defeat of Mr. Brandt's "Ostpolitik."

This is because the weakest link in the Chancellor's coalition, the tiny liberal party (FDP), is terrified at the thought of new elections now, when it must fear it will slip below the five per cent total votes it needs by law for seating in parliament.

Under the constitution, the initiative for dissolving parliament rests solely with the Chancellor. Informed sources say Social Democrat Brandt is using his power as a "shield" over the heads of potentially renegade Free Democrats who might vote against the eastern treaties but also fear for their political future in new elections.

Mr. Brandt presently has a slim Bundestag majority of 260 against 246 for the opposition. He needs an absolute majority of 249 to override a veto of his eastern treaties by the conservative upper house (Bundesrat) which represents the ten German states.

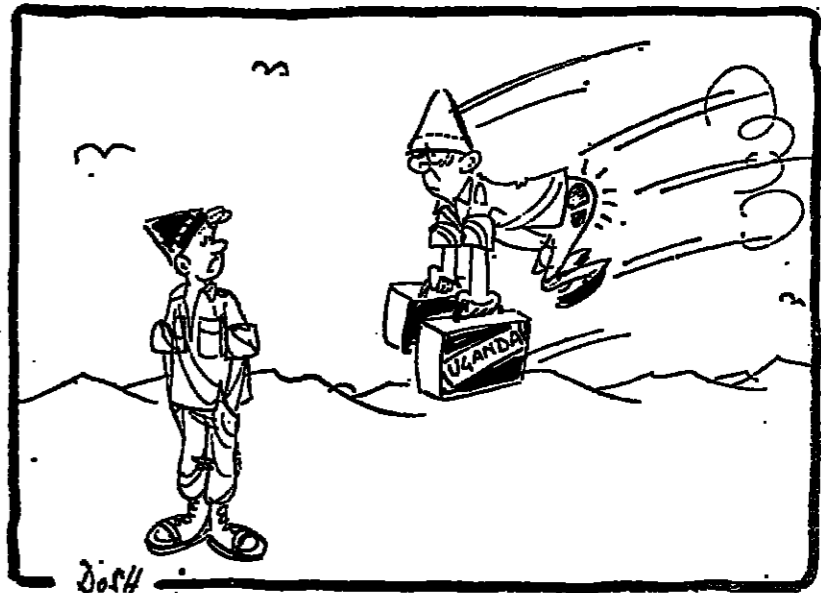
If the Chancellor can hold the unstable FDP in line, he may also get help in the crucial ratification debate from a number of C.D.U. deputies, apparently with tacit agreement of the C.D.U.'s leadership itself. The C.D.U., surprisingly announced recently it will not invoke strict party discipline on its deputies in the final treaty vote.

Incredible as it may sound at the moment, sources say Mr. Brandt is not ruling out an unexpected edge of a dozen or more votes in favour of the treaties, including conservative abstentions and "absenteeism," — all tacitly tolerated, if not secretly promoted, by Mr. Brandt.

Under these conditions it would be easier for the Bundestag upper house to "yield" to parliament's "will" and pass the treaties by a narrow edge.

Mr. Brandt's "Ostpolitik" would be saved, his government would be saved, and Mr. Barzel could wait until the next regular elections in 1973 with the prospect of returning to power and building his own eastern policy on the long-forgotten non-aggression pacts.

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Optimism and reassuring facts

If anyone is worried about the continued survival of a vital American Jewish community, they should talk to Jacob Stein. It is not so much the natural optimism of this affable man, who was recently elected Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, but the facts that he enumerates that are so reassuring.



JACOB STEIN

Mr. Stein says that five million American Jews are represented in the Presidents' Conference and American Jewry has never been better organized and more vital in spirit than at present. "We can mobilize our people whenever physical presence is required to register our feelings on matters of interest to us," he says.

On the significance of the Jewish vote in a Presidential election year, he pointed out: "Jews are politically an articulate group. Although our vote only comprises 2.9 per cent of the electorate, our participation in opinion-making has a much wider effect than our actual numbers." He dislikes the way people wave the spectre of a Jewish bloc vote, holding that as Americans they vote in keeping with their particular view on how America should be governed and who was the best man to do it. However, he did note that the Presidents' Conference served as the collective voice of organized U.S. Jewry on matters pertaining to Israel and oppressed Jewish communities in the Soviet Union and the Arab lands.

President Nixon and his aides, like previous Administrations, strive to maintain constant contact with the Presidents' Conference because of its representative character. Unlike previous Administrations, Mr. Stein notes, Mr. Nixon's does not have a special official responsible for links with the Jewish community. Instead, their contacts with the White House are with a series of top-ranking individuals.

More Jews for Nixon

Mr. Stein believes that many more Jews will vote for the Republicans this November than before, because of Nixon's record in aiding Israel, and his stand on the Middle East. This would — he guessed — increase Jewish support and could swing the vote in states that carry much weight.

The leadership of the Presidents' Conference hoped to meet Mr. Nixon before he goes to Moscow, and ask him to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry in his conversations at the Kremlin.

The Presidents' Conference hopes to be invited to appear — as in the past — before the platform committees of the contesting parties. Once both Conventions have ended, they will meet the candidates of both parties to exchange views, particularly on three issues: Israel, Soviet Jewry and U.S. position on the Middle East.

Asked about the claim of Republican Party official Warren Adler that the Republicans "want Jewish money, rather than Jewish votes," Mr. Stein said: "I think that all candidates seek money from whom ever they can get it. Naturally there is nothing wrong in the elementary right of supporting candidates for elected office."

At 55, Jacob Stein reached the

money but of a dynamic approach to the problems. We have given our children too superficial a Jewish education, and we have to convey to them Judaism that has a meaningful content for the young generation." Priority must now go to Jewish education, since the Government has assumed support of the hospitals which in the past took up so much of communal funds, he states.

Although the three streams of American Jewry were converging, Mr. Stein noted that definite differences distinguished them, and it was certainly untrue, as some Israeli politicians sought to prove, that the Orthodox trend represented the mainstream of the community. The United Synagogue was now seeking to draw youth back to the synagogue, and had learned that the younger generation disliked the large congregations with lavish synagogue centres, preferring smaller groups in private homes. "In a way it's a return to the shtetl," he notes.

This was another indication of the vitality of American Jewry, which also found expression in the rash of small Jewish newspapers put out by students and youngsters. Speaking generally, he says that Judaism means different things to different American Jews — for some it's the synagogue, for others it's a commitment to various welfare agencies. "We have a really committed community that wishes to express itself. We can assemble 100,000 Jews for a rally in Washington or 20,000 for a mass meeting at the Madison Square Garden," he said.

The other cheek

"We are not complacent and we are not going to turn the other cheek anymore," he added. Referring to the many cases of desecration of U.S. synagogues, he explained that this wave of vandalism was not specifically anti-synagogue but had also been aimed at a large number of churches. He felt that "all this talk of Holocaust hanging over American Jewry is so much talk. Indeed, I abhor the vulgarization of the concept."

As to why American Jewry had not managed to set up a representative body to handle its internal affairs, like the Presidents' Conference does on political issues, Mr. Stein explained that this was premature. However he did point to the existence of the National Jewish Community Relations Council (NJCRC), which has Albert Arent, a prominent Washington lawyer, as its President. Its task was to coordinate between the Jewish organizations in areas where there was no ideological conflict, he explained, adding after a moment's thought: "In Israel, it's difficult to grasp how hard we fight to be Jewish."

Mr. Stein has three children. His lawyer son, Stuart, has made his home in Tel Aviv and works for the law office of Mr. Haim Zadok, M.K.

The United Synagogue plans to open an Israel Centre in Jerusalem, on the corner of Agron and Karen Hayosod streets. In addition, they intend assisting the five Conservative congregations existing in Israel: in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ashkelon and Rehovot.

MARK SEGAL



The Hagana Memorial on Mt. Carmel, the work of sculptor Mordecai Kafri of Nahalal, commemorating the men who fell in defence of the Carmel forests and the approaches to Haifa during the Arab riots of 1936-1939. The 40-ton basalt block, more than four metres high, stands on a 17-dunam site called "Hagana Hill", the gift of the National Parks Authority. It overlooks the sea, the city, the Zebulun Plain and Galilee. An inscription cites Isaiah, XXXVII:35 — "I will defend this city to save it..." The Hagana Veterans Organization plans to dedicate the memorial tomorrow, March 28, the 24th anniversary of the liberation of Haifa.

Broadcasting Orchestra adds more strings to its bow

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, Gary Bertini, conductor; Eva Braunshova, piano; Dan Friede, tenor; Kibbutzim Chorus directed by Sari Doron, Yehuda Engel, Maya Shavit and Dina Carmi (Binyanei Ha'ooma, Jerusalem, March 21); Haydn: Symphony in C minor, No. 32; Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto in E-flat minor; Kodaly: "Psalmus Hungaricus".



THE Israel Broadcasting Orchestra has bolstered its string sections for its eight subscription concerts at Binyanei Ha'ooma because of the size of the hall. This means that every four or six weeks, some players join the ranks of the orchestra, and after only a few rehearsals, try to adapt to the bowing, phrasing and sound character of the whole orchestra, which is itself hard put to get used to the acoustics, superior to the YMCA auditorium where they usually play, but vastly different, making group precision very difficult.

Having been allotted seats in the fifth row, much too close to the orchestra's place on stage, I could not help hearing each of the individual performances of the violins (especially the firsts). I also had the impression that the violins and the cello-bass groups were not always in the same rhythm. As a result, the performance of the Haydn Symphony — one of his best — suffered from lack of precision and of uniform sound quality. The performance needed more grace and charm. But in the finale, the violins were driven to some near brilliant performance, and a well built-up orchestral climax brought the symphony to a more satisfactory end.

Our trepidation at the prospect of hearing the Tchaikovsky Concerto — which can only be endured today in a truly great performance

— was justified. The soloist did not measure up in any way to the double challenge of the work: to brilliant technicality, and to give a convincing musical interpretation. Miss Braunshova did not employ brachial force where needed, and her soft passages, though secondary in importance, were often inaudible (despite my close listening position). Her performance of the solo part sounded (and looked) laboured, strained and was never masterly. The orchestra's contribution often bordered on disintegration.

This was no way to present such a well-known work. Unfortunately, most of our audiences are either ignorant or polite, and will give generous applause no matter how bad the performance.

Kodaly's "Psalmus Hungaricus" was beautifully executed by Gary Bertini and all performers. Dan Friede, a newcomer from Switzerland, sang the solo part with well-trained, controlled voice, proving his solid musicianship in a cultured and intelligent rendition. The combined choir — numbering over 120 voices — performed with clear intonation, precision of attack and well balanced sound, fresh in quality and clear in texture — a fine example of the musical culture maintained in kibbutzim. The orchestra was satisfactory, and Gary Bertini deserves much credit. YOHANAN BOEHM

Readers' letters

'Land Bridge' reconsidered

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir,—In outlining the problems of the Port of Eilat in his article of March 9, Dr. Ater makes the common assumption that the "Land Bridge" is good for Israel's economy. I think the time has come to challenge this basic misconception, including the findings of the Dar Committee.

The Land Bridge offers an alternative for certain goods moving between Europe and East-Africa, an alternative to the long Cape route. However, its existence is justified only as long as the Suez Canal is closed. (As opposed to the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline, which will be competitive even with the Canal open).

Contrary to Dr. Ater's conception, the Land Bridge has developed beyond all expectation; and, during 1971, 40,000 tons of freight passed through it—a figure that even the optimists expected to reach only in 1976. But, what is all this leading to? The ports of Eilat and Ashdod, the carriers (sea as well as land), etc., all have to be geared to handle a growing traffic — only to look forward to a "bright" future of loss.

country dearly every day. It also accentuates delays in Eilat. The suggestion to use containers for handling Land Bridge cargo is not functional since none of the ports in East Africa is capable of handling containers, nor will be in the foreseeable future.

There are two reasons for operating the Land Bridge; one is political, the other is economic. As for the political consideration, it is doubtful whether the magnitude of the traffic will ever reach such a size as to influence the contributing countries. Economically, the marginal profits made by Kedem must be weighed against the large and the future damage to the parties concerned. A more productive policy with regard to strengthening the city of Eilat might be the consideration of an industrial hinterland concentrating on those products whose raw materials enter through Eilat and whose finished products, to a large extent, leave through Eilat, i.e., clothing (cotton), tires (rubber), asbestos.

MICHAEL UNGER, Haifa, March 15.

BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir,—Permit me to correct some of the facts in your report on March 14 on the results of the elections of the British Zionist Federation. Poole Zion won two vice-presidents in the provinces and the majority in the executive councils in London and the provinces.

SIDNEY GOLDBERG, London, March 15.

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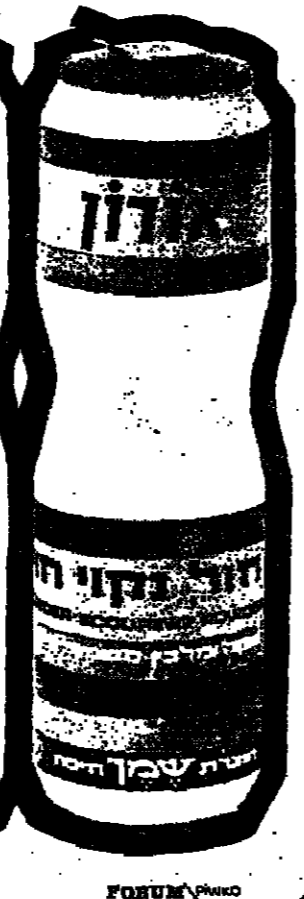
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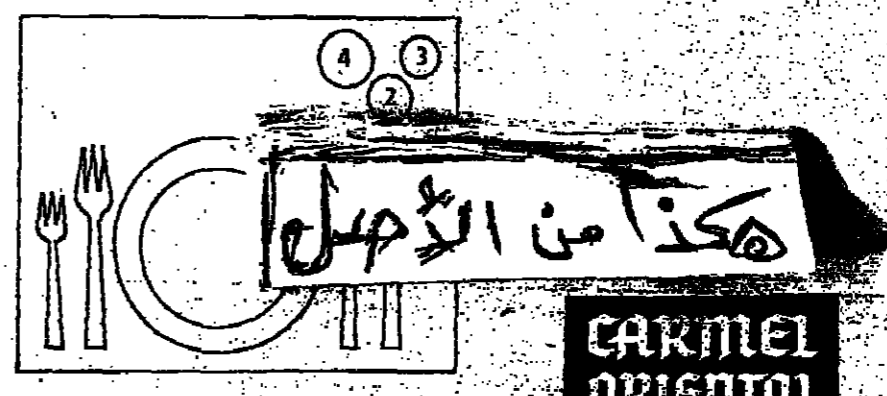
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Complacency aids Arab boycott

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

THE Arab boycott impedes investment in Israel. Not all kinds of investment, and not from all sources, but the obstacle exists. You won't find a single major European industrial concern directly involved in this country — except "outlets," Mr. Yehayahu Stopper, direc-

merical relations strained by the need to discriminate between one supplier and another.

The easiest way is to yield, and Israel has done so up to now. The reason for this is the atmosphere of hush-hush which surrounds the topic. We are admonished not to admit that the boycott exists, because (it is said) we might encourage the Arabs.

Almost two decades have passed since the Arab League and the Gulf sheikhdoms declared the boycott in 1955. If our studied silence on the subject was intended to discourage the conspiracy, that has not happened. On the contrary, where vigorous action was taken against the boycott, it collapsed. It thrives precisely where we do nothing.

If we do nothing, it is natural for a foreign business firm, faced with a threatening letter from Mr. Mahgoub, the boycott's Commissioner-General, to yield. Abstaining from investment in Israel is easy enough — there are plenty of other places where to invest.

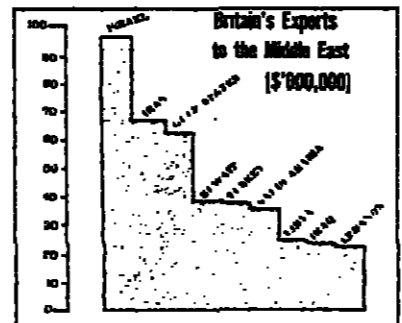
Unchecked, the situation can have undesirable side-effects. There is a trend towards mergers in the modern world. Some firms, on the lookout for this kind of opportunity, have been over-susceptible to Arab pressure, in case a black-listing might be looked at askance by possible negotiating partners.

Admittedly Israel can scarcely penalize a manufacturing establishment for not building a factory in Israel; but the problem is bigger than that. There are firms that do not sell goods to Israel, in response to the boycott — even though selling goods is not one of the 10 banned activities which are liable to land a firm on the black list.

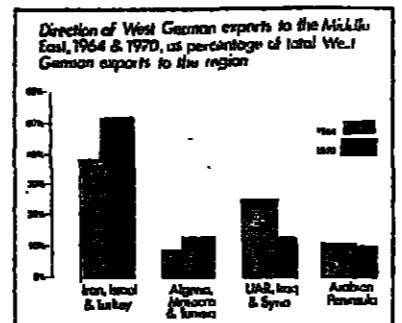
An outstanding example is provided by the two giant Japanese motor manufacturing empires, Toyota and Nissan. Though all the world sells cars to Israel, and the Arabs do not mind, these Japanese companies seek to ingratiate themselves by doing more than required, by adding

agent in a third country. The Foreign Ministry, which has a small section on the subject weirdly named the Political Economic Planning Division, has clamped down on that. By denying import licences, the offending companies have been brought to heel. They included (in 1965) earth-shaking names, like Philips, Siemens, AEG, Telefunken. Most recently the Japanese company Matsushita opened an agency in Tel Aviv (supplying transistors and other electrical goods), because it was made plain that the alternative was no import licence, wherever the trans-shipments came from.

The power of the Jewish people in commercial matters can match the power of the Arab boycott office. Total failure of the Arabs to check the construction of hotels like the Hilton and the Sheraton, or even to stop the assembly of Ford cars and Zenith TV sets in Israel.



We have inserted Israel into the graph, using the figures quoted by the MEED, which are exact. Algeria and Morocco do not appear in the diagram, because their imports from Britain are smaller than Lebanon's.



tail is own tale. So does their continued inability to prevent passenger liners that call on Arab ports from calling on Israeli ports as well. One of the questions that should go on the agenda of the Prime Minister's Economic Conference next year is therefore, what have the Jewish people to say about the boycott by Toyota and Nissan of the Israeli market?

Girl, 4, electrocuted
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A four-year-old girl, Amanah Rasek Salim, was electrocuted in her home here on Saturday night when she touched an uninsulated electrical wire. She was taken to hospital where doctors pronounced her dead.

Israel is itself a big importer now, buying goods and services to the value of \$3,000m. yearly. She is a larger purchaser of goods and services abroad than any single Arab state, as can be seen from the diagrams accompanying this text. Israel should be able to apply a vigorous anti-boycott policy.

The reference is not to oil. This is a dominantly Arab product, and it cannot be expected that Western petroleum companies should harm their interests by taking up a stand on this issue, however justified.

But study should be given to the possibility of discriminating in favour of companies in other fields that brave the boycott, with particular reference to large industrial concerns. There are precedents in current commercial practice. It is not uncommon, when placing big orders in international trade, to expect that the supplier should spend 10 per cent of his receipts on buying goods from the client country.

Such devices ought to be employed against the Arab boycott wherever possible, wherever there is a blatant abuse that requires redress. Business companies the world over should be made to understand that it is worth their while to comply with the position adopted by the International Association of Chambers of Commerce — that boycotts are inadmissible. A consensus against boycotts would empty them of content, just as a consensus against any other offence puts it outside the bounds of law.

Big growth in Scandinavian tourism here

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The growth of interest among the Scandinavian public in visiting Israel has led the RESO tour operators of Sweden to undertake to charter a jumbo jet from the SAS-Scandinavian company to carry their clients to Israel. The first flight was planned for the middle of March; but, owing to a last minute reallocation of aircraft, Scandinavian was unable to supply the Boeing 747. Instead RESO had to use the stretch DC-8, which carries 200 passengers. They operate twice weekly flights from Stockholm to Lod.

The general trend of tourism traffic from Scandinavia continues to increase, according to a report to the Ministry of Tourism by their representative in the region, Mr. Joseph Shany.

In Sweden — in addition to the two DC-8 flights of RESO — SAS and El Al have two weekly departures. On top of this, many residents of southern Sweden use the facilities of Copenhagen Airport.

In Norway, a marked increase in traffic has been registered. As a result, local tour operators have chartered a plane for a one-a-week, non-stop flight from Oslo to Lod.

Tourism from Finland has reached such proportions that the two weekly flights leaving Helsinki are generally fully booked, and plans are now being laid to increase the number of aircraft serving the region, Mr. Shany reports.

Business and Finance



Philip Navon, new general manager of the Sheraton-Tei Aviv Hotel and the first Israeli ever to hold this post (he is South African originally). Navon worked at the Sheraton from 1961 till 1970, serving in such capacities as head of the food and drink department and assistant manager. In September 1970 he became manager of the Sheraton-Malta, and has just returned home to take up his new post. The 52-year-old executive is married and has three children.

Tnuva charged with 16 counts of dirty food

TEL AVIV. — Tnuva Dairies were charged in Magistrate's Court here last week with 16 counts of marketing dairy products containing foreign bodies.

As the complaints began to unfold before Judge Boris Rappoport, Tnuva's representative in court began denying them. The charges mentioned such "ingredients" as hair in cottage cheese, 37 pupae in bottles of milk, a silver of pisate in a cup of cultured milk, dirt and paint in milk mould and tins in milk, and more.

Prosecution witnesses will testify in mid-May.

In Magistrate Menahem Ilan's courtroom, Ramat Gan baker Yehiel Goldfarb charged sanitary inspectors with "persecuting bakers" when the fault really lies with the millers, who furnish them with impure flour.

The judge fined Goldfarb IL900 plus IL500 laboratory costs, after finding him guilty of selling loaves of bread that contained a rusty nail, a piece of metal and an insect.

In Jerusalem, the District Health Office on Wednesday closed Sa'ad Ibrahim Salah's plant in Snaufat because of inferior sanitary conditions there.

New rules for export credits: Even more red tape?

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE new regulations concerning export credits greatly simplify the current procedures in this field, though they remain subject to administrative discretion. In fact, in one respect the bureaucratic tangle may even thicken, because the amount of credits granted will now depend not only on the performance of individual firms — or on the respective forecasts — but also on the overall ceilings fixed for each industry by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The respective amounts of credit will be fixed in accordance with the targets — or forecasts — set for each industry's export, as designated in the Budget, and credit expansion beyond that limit will be allowed only after an expert review confirms that the industry is actually exceeding the target.

Even within an industry's credit quota, one firm's excess credit volume will be allowed only to the extent that another exporter did not use up the entire amount allotted to him. This system has been introduced in order to keep closer check of the use made of export credits, which carry interest at a subsidized rate of only 6 per cent, while two to three times as much is charged for ordinary bank loans. But the inevitable red-tape could be a serious handicap for the successful expanding firms, who may have to face credit shortages because official experts underestimated their export chances.

In other respects, however, the new regulations make life easier for exporters. In particular, they put an end to the separate accounting for value added, value replaced by imports from abroad and value replaced by local purchases, each of which had to be reported to the authorities, and was entitled to credit at a different rate. The old system offered more advantageous terms for financing purchases of raw materials or accessories abroad than for local ones.

Now, all kinds of export credits will be granted at a uniform rate of 11 1/2 per cent of the estimated export performance. In case the firm's export performance lags behind the forecast it will be charged — retroactively — 17 per cent interest on that part of its export credit which has not been used for the intended purpose. Export credit granted for purchase of raw materials, wage bill, and other production costs will be unlinked, but credit granted for financing shipments abroad will be linked to the currency of the respective market.

Exporters have been demanding export credits to be based on the current effective exchange rate of the Israel pound which is IL5 per dollar (owing to a 20 per cent surcharge on merchandise imports, and export incentives which approximate balance it), but this has been rejected by the Government as excessive.

In a recent article in the monthlies of the Ministry of Commerce

and Industry, Mr. Amos Mar-Haim, the Ministry's Assistant Director General, argues that there is no genuine need to finance that part of the cost of export goods which represents profit, depreciation of equipment etc., which amount for an average 20 per cent of the f.o.b. price. Incidentally, the new IL4 per dollar rate represents a 12 per cent increment compared with the IL3.58 average which has been applied to date.

The total amount of export credit funds (financed jointly by the commercial banks and by the Bank of Israel) was IL1,500m. at the end of 1971, most of which was made use of by industrial exporters. The amount included IL400m. for the diamond industry and IL420m. for financing shipments abroad. By the end of 1972 these funds are expected to reach about IL2,000m.

Consulting firm has Israel office

Robert R. Nathan Associates one of the oldest and largest economic consulting firms in the United States, has named I.C. International Consultants (Israel) as its representative in this country. The Washington-based firm has been active in Israel before, on a limited scale. In 1916 Robert Nathan, the founder and president of the firm, wrote a book entitled "Palestine: Problems and Prospects" which was the first comprehensive study of the economic potentials of the country.

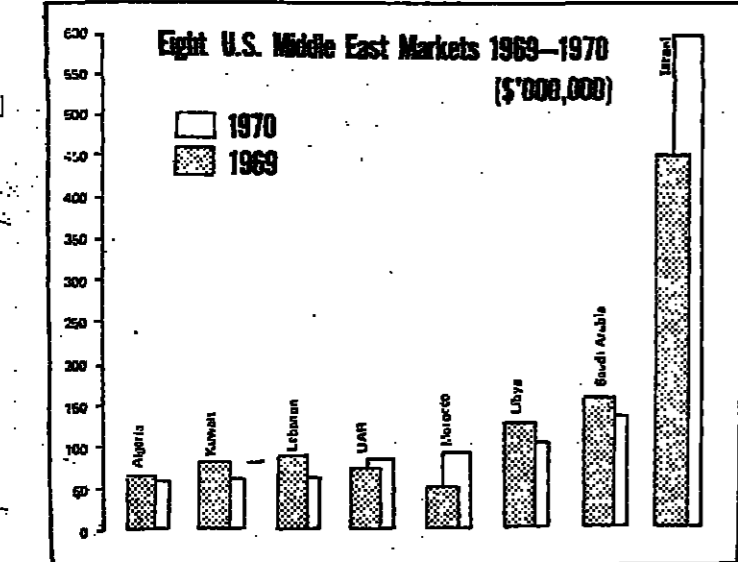
Israeli firms for whom R.R.N.A. has acted as consultants include Dagon, Gadot, Hadassah, Sunroft, Maritime Fruit Carriers, and Zim. The company at present advises Hadassah and the United Israel Appeal in their U.S. Government relations. I.C. (Israel), a subsidiary of I.C. (Zurich) and Bank Leumi, offers services in economic planning, acquisition activities, stock market analysis and management consultancy.

POSSIBILITY OF LARGE-SCALE EXPORT TO U.S.

LOD AIRPORT. — The vice president of a chain of U.S. department stores, who completed an intensive business tour here on Friday, may have opened the way for large-scale export of Israeli ready-to-wear clothing to the U.S.

Mr. Uri Yonkers, vice president of the W.T. Grant chain of 1,200 department stores throughout the U.S., expressed interest in importing Israel-made women's wear — on condition that Israel's production could be stepped up to meet the demands of his company.

Mr. Yonkers appointed the Spanro company, headed by Mr. P. Weinberg of New York (who was here with him), to serve as liaison between Israeli industry and W.T. Grant. (Him)



We have removed Turkey and Iran from the graph, because they are non-Arab countries. Israel's import figure as published in the MEED (1969 \$200.5m.) exceeds the total for visible trade as published by the Central Bureau of Statistics, and is therefore presumably included, in part or in whole, in defence imports which appear in the Israel statistics.

encouraged the Israeli authorities to ignore it, particularly since a business community prefers it that way. Any pressure to "boycott" "boycott" creates embarrassment, and abroad do not want their com-

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The decision should sweep away a patchwork of seldom-enforced laws in 26 states which give single people second-class status in access to birth control information and contraceptives.

The court said it was unable to find in a Massachusetts state law that figured in the decision "some ground of difference that rationally explains a different treatment accorded married and unmarried persons."

Of the seven justices who heard the case, six voted to uphold the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals that the Massachusetts law conflicted with fundamental human rights. The only dissenter was Chief Justice Warren Burger, who contended the state should be free to restrict the dispensing of "medicinal substances."

The test case began its path to the High Court when birth control crusader William Baird was arrested for displaying contraceptives during a lecture to students at Boston University and giving a sample to one of his listeners.

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Interview with chief of prisons: Didn't expect Jewish criminals

By GIDEON BEMEZ
Special to The Jerusalem Post

AMONG the many certificates and decorations on the walls of the office of Prisons Commissioner Arie Nir is a front-and-profile photo of himself, head shaved, as a young political prisoner in a British jail in Mandatory Palestine. Probably the only man of his rank anywhere who can boast behind-bars experience, this fact may account in part at least, for his humane approach.

Mr. Nir often recounts first-person anecdotes to prove a point. "When I reached the Kishleah (the Jerusalem Old City prison) a few days after it was taken in 1967, the graffiti I and my cellmates had inscribed had never even whitewashed the place, and the Arab state diplomats and students that we had just interned there were already lice-ridden and filthy. I ordered them transferred to Ramle, where our most hard-bitten convicts are kept."

"This was a contravention of the Geneva convention, and soon the Red Cross came around to investigate. I offered to return the internees to the Kishleah the moment they demanded it. After a confidential talk with them, the Red Cross man came and reported that the only complaint the Arab diplomats had was that they were bunked together with their chauffeurs."

Since then, says the Commissioner, the Red Cross has been just about the only world body to heap praise on Israel, instead of reprimands. "Expecting treatment similar to that meted out in Arab prisons — blows, torture, hunger — it is no wonder that jailed Arab terrorists suffer a severe jolt. Their frustration often reaches psychiatric proportions," says Commissioner Nir. "They want to carry on the fight, be tortured, be martyrs. Sometimes our men have to withstand fantastic provocations."

He believes this frustration and the wearying prison routine that follows to be a significant factor in Israel's success in fighting terror; virtually no released extremist has been returned to jail. There are now about 3,000 terrorists in jail, about double the number of Israeli criminal convicts.

But anyone who calls these prisons "rest homes" has just never seen one, says Mr. Nir. "The ones reserved for terrorists are considerably harsher than those for Israeli criminals, and these too are no Hilton."

Mr. Nir confesses that he does not know the aim of imprisonment is to protect society, punishment or correction.

"No system — from nine-month solitary confinement to 'family prisons' has proven more effective than another.

The Israel Prisons Service is largely a result of improvisation, he says. "When the state was founded, we didn't expect any Jewish criminals.

There was a general Amnesty, and all prisons but one were closed down. Ever since, we've had to improvise to meet the growing crime rate, and it's typical that we're just now constructing the first Israeli-built jail at Beersheba. When you improvise, it's hard to think ahead."

Still, there is a certain order of priorities — first, to uphold the law and to protect society. "Make no mistake — we're not educators. We can't hope to succeed where society, home, school have, for any reason failed. But we can try to break bad habits and imbue some better ones — like an inclination to work: most of the new wave of criminals have never tried it."

The Service maintains a variety of prisons from Ma'asiyahu — an open camp — to Ramleh or to Tel Mond youth prison, which incorporates a school. The differences are minimal, but within each prison the law and standing orders allow the system to barter privileges for co-operation. "We rarely use punishment: there really isn't much you can do, within the law, to punish a man who's already lost his freedom. But he'll usually give



Nir... from prisoner to prison commissioner (UPI radiophoto)

way if the prize is home leave or even seeing a movie, not to mention a third of his sentence off for good behavior. So we don't encourage stool pigeons or have trustees; most prisoners give us reasonably good co-operation, for their own good."

Listing the prison service's efforts to reform the convict — reaching even personal friendship with jailers or finding him a job "outside" — the commissioner bemoans the lack of means and frame work to follow them up.

"Recently, we've been allowed to let prisoners work out of jail — coming back at night — towards the end of their sentence. You can imagine how frustrating it is not to be able to check up how such a system actually pays off, or to give some more help to make sure it isn't wasted. The voluntary associations for the aid of ex-prisoners do some excellent work — we help with a full-time social worker — but still, it's just first aid."

Prisons are a costly unprofitable business with the keep of a prisoner up to IL14,000 per year. Another budgetary problem is the lack of sufficient workshops, which Mr. Nir considers of paramount importance. "Besides the reformatory bus, it's vital to keep the prisoners busy for eight or nine hours a day just to reduce tension. When I was imprisoned I asked for work. It's a fact that not one of the working prisoners in Ashkelon prison took part in the riot there a few months ago."

Any connection between Ashkelon and Attia watch TV and listen to the radio and any report of a prison revolt abroad obviously causes tensions to rise — as did events like Nasser's death and the civil war in Jordan. When I hear such a report on the midnight news I order an alert for the next morning. But if the Ashkelon affair had been anything like a real uprising, we couldn't have put it down in an hour and a half.

"What actually happened was that we had decided to let them hear the prayer from the El-Aksa mosque on Friday. The ex-Fatah men, who are relatively religious, were very glad.

"But the Marxist P.L.O. members tried to torpedo the idea — there's another example of their trying to provoke us into punishing them. So they jumped an officer as he was finishing the head count in the last camp — if it had been a serious attempt at a revolt, it would have been simple to kill him. No, we haven't had a real prison break since Shatta."

(It was after the mass escape from Shatta prison in the Beisan valley that Arie Nir was called in to "reorganize" the service — a temporary appointment that has lasted 13 years.)

What about chronic worldwide prison problems such as bullying, homosexuality, drugs?

"On the whole, they're far less serious than abroad. But one of the most disturbing aspects of the crime wave since the Six Day War has been the qualitative change in the criminals' nature: more violent,

better armed, less educated. "Before the war, we never had organized gangs — a 'Murder Inc.' once started in Jaffa, but it was broken fast. Now the gangs even try to penetrate the prisons, and we have to cope with leaders and attempts at organization."

Many prisoners come in addicted to drugs. "Some have swallowed hashish in plastic bags to ensure their supply for a while. We isolate new entries for 48 hours, but still there are a thousand ways to smuggle in drugs. We can usually tell when a shipment has arrived by the rise in the going price (in the jail currency of cigarettes). Opening his desk drawer, Mr. Nir produces some samples of drugs hidden in fruit, cigarettes, etc. "Later I have to answer court injunctions about my orders to forbid relatives to bring gifts of fruit or to kiss the prisoner — who could imagine that a two-year old child would transfer some hashish, mouth to mouth?"

Voluntary homosexuality is practically impossible to prevent in any dormitory regime, says Mr. Nir, though the policy of granting home leaves to convicts who are not dangerous helps relieve the sex problem. But, again, the proportion of rape is negligible compared to foreign prison systems. We have only a few cases every year, and they're all duly investigated and prosecuted.

"We have one of the highest manpower turnovers — higher than the police — mostly men in their first or second years with the service who can't adjust. We're now short of 90 men out of a total force of 1,700. At this rate we can hardly give the men all the necessary training, though they do get a three-month course and on-the-job instruction."

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This refers to children: 1 to 12.

Duty at the Internal Departments at Hadassah and Ichilov Hospitals, Tel Aviv

From March 21, 1972 two duty days a month will be transferred from Ichilov Hospital, whose duty days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, to the Hadassah Hospital.

Division:
The two above mentioned days will be every second Tuesday, in addition to the regular duty days of Hadassah Hospital, which are every Sunday and Thursday.

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- Ministry of Transport (Information desk), Shalom Tower, Tel Aviv;
- Motor Vehicle and Maintenance Services Branch, 18 Rehov Garibach, Tel Aviv;
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EILAT'S HOUSING CRISIS

Since 1949, the Government has consistently disregarded the importance of Eilat and the well-being of its inhabitants — especially with regard to housing, says Sheila Meltzer. The recent unanimous resignation of the Town Council underlines the problem.



Residential Eilat — far away from the government clerks. (Werner Braun)

THE Eilat Municipal Council — a well-to-do coalition comprising the Free Centre, the State List, M.E.P. and headed by Mayor Azar, decided unanimously a fortnight ago to resign. The problem that led the Council to make this dramatic move is the town's acute shortage of housing.

In the wake of the Council's resignation, Minister of Housing Zev Shafir said this week that his Ministry would try to double the number of houses to be built in Eilat during 1972-73 (700 units).

After years of stagnation under the gun, Eilat is today in the throes of a development only dreamed about in the past by a handful of local visionaries. Eilat is about to become an international tourist resort in its own right and the central town of the south. Private investors, contractors, and companies have at last woken up to the facts: there is money, manpower, and the only obstacle is the lack of housing.

complex, veteran residents who need bigger dwellings, and immigrants.

The problem of housing in Eilat became pressing suddenly, in 1968. Until the Six Day War, dozens of apartments stood empty. They started filling up during the recession, when young couples seeking work came down from the north and immediately found jobs and housing and a good place to settle down and start their families. Immediately after the War, with the whole of Sinai under its aegis, the Ministry of Development started buying up every single available apartment that was left. The road to Sharm el-Sheikh and other installations in Sinai brought contractors, workmen, engineers, and draughtsmen to Eilat. The turnover of the port and the oil port rose by leaps and bounds, calling for more manpower. The town started excavating its second underground mine, bringing dozens of German and British miners and their families to Eilat. The price of rented apartments doubled and tripled and the hotels that did not have tourists found themselves full of workmen. The port bought a hotel in town and turned it into a workers' hostel. With the tourist hotels showing the highest occupancy rates in the country after Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, investors got down to business, and 1,000 rooms are now rising rapidly to change the face of Eilat.

At the same time, the first generation of youngsters brought up in Eilat from childhood were finishing their army service and returning to Eilat to work and to marry. These are the children of the early

settlers, the majority of whom are still living in the small apartments they received from Amidar some 15 years ago. The early settlers have no room for married sons and daughters, for whom there are also no flats. This year alone, there are 130 young couples waiting for housing.

Eilat has been chronically short of manpower. The local youngsters, returning from the army, have jobs waiting for them, as have the new immigrants — but not one apartment. Two years ago, when the wave of Aliya consisted of professionals and academics from Western countries, the Ministry of Absorption broached the matter of siting an Absorption Centre in Eilat — but there was not a single building available to offer them. And there is nothing today for new immigrants from Russia.

With the writing on the wall, and under pressure from his Council and his constituents, the Mayor, turned to the Ministry of Housing for some urgent answers — more than a year ago. None were forthcoming, so on February 4, together with a delegation including members of the town's largest employers, Mayor Azar placed the problems before Minister Shafir, who promised a reply within two weeks. On March 2, a reply came — promising some decision within a week. After waiting 16 fruitless days, Mayor Azar reported to his Council that in view of this apparent lack of concern on the part of the Ministry of Housing — and therefore of the Government — he could no longer carry out his duties. The Mayor is right.

Shikun Ovidim five years ago, when the Histadrut built a 500-bed I.L.S.M. hospital — then found there was no living accommodation for doctors?

The Government is made up of Ministries and its Ministries are made up of clerks, for whom Eilat is far, far away. The Mayor is right to take his fight to the Minister of Housing, when the immediate answer for Eilat is pre-fabricated housing units: that can be put up within the minimum of time and labour. Several weeks ago Minister of Housing Zev Shafir said on television that 1,700 pre-fabricated housing units have been ordered from abroad in order to ease the national housing problem. Are any of them slated for Eilat? He did not say. Prime Minister Meir recently berated the bureaucracy of Government clerks and civil servants. For Eilat the problem starts from the top, and its solution brooks no delay.

KEEPING POSTED

THERE was a lot of discussion about Hussein's "Plan" in Israel for two or three days, but then it died down, and it has not even been revived by Yigal Allon's efforts to squeeze it into the format of his own plan. In fact this is more likely to kill it stone dead in the Arab world.

An acquaintance says it reminds him of an old Turkish tale about a poor farmer sitting in his little house one evening with his wife and son and talking about the hard times they were having. "If we had

peace making in the Middle East, they start accusing Israel for her hitting back for what the Arabs do against Israel. The accusers do not think that defending is more natural than attacking. If the nations want real peace in the Middle East, they should stop first the activities of the so-called Fedayeen against Israel. Because they kill innocent civilians of Israel. For example the killing of the Israeli young couple near the Lebanese border, should be condemned strongly. Why are the nations silent? Was that a good deed? Is that how we can make peace in the Middle East? No, that is wrong. If that is so, then let Israel continue to teach lessons to the aggressors. Terrorists will never succeed.

Now, if the Fedayeen failed when they fought with a weaker Jordan, do you expect them to beat a stronger Israel? Their aggressions are firewood for a burning Middle East. Let their movements unite with their Arab governments, sit down together with the Israelis and discuss their matters peacefully.

When I try to imagine how huge the Arab lands are, with their population of 80m. all around and against a very small Israel with the population of only 3m. I say to myself "God is great, who has saved Israel up to this day." Then I refer to the holy saying in the Bible:

"FOR LO, THE DAYS COME SAITH THE LORD, THAT I WILL BRING AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL AND JUDAH, SAITH THE LORD: AND I WILL CAUSE THEM TO RETURN TO THE LAND THAT I GAVE TO THEIR FATHERS, AND THEY SHALL POSSESS IT." (Jeremiah 30.3)

At first I thought all people in the world think the same as I do about Israel. My thought was wrong. Whenever nations talk about

peace making in the Middle East, they start accusing Israel for her hitting back for what the Arabs do against Israel. The accusers do not think that defending is more natural than attacking. If the nations want real peace in the Middle East, they should stop first the activities of the so-called Fedayeen against Israel. Because they kill innocent civilians of Israel. For example the killing of the Israeli young couple near the Lebanese border, should be condemned strongly. Why are the nations silent? Was that a good deed? Is that how we can make peace in the Middle East? No, that is wrong. If that is so, then let Israel continue to teach lessons to the aggressors. Terrorists will never succeed.

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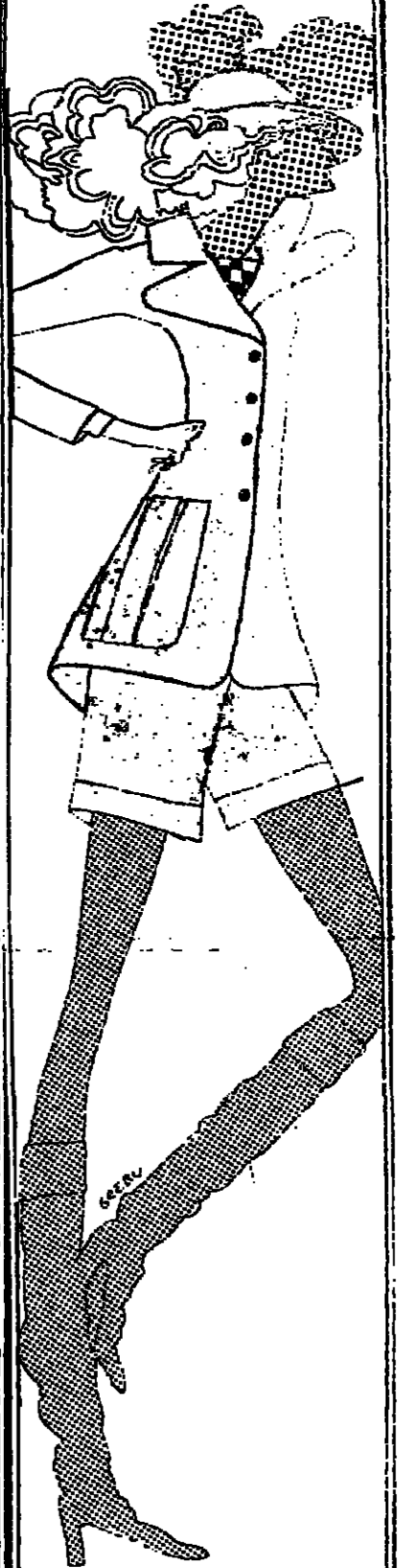
story of a way of life. Then, to caption a picture of Russian pogromists breaking up the wedding as "Russian demonstrators crashed in and ruined the day" and "the political scene worsened and Jews were ordered to leave" were outrageous distortions. What were the Russians demonstrating against? After all the horrors of Nazism to

call a pogrom a "demonstration" made one suspect the magazine's motives. She told the magazine it owed an apology to Jews and people everywhere who were concerned with decent human relationships. For good measure she added that she doubted she would ever bring herself to pick up the magazine again.

The answer was brief. It said the Feature Editor had read her letter with great interest. "It is always rewarding to hear from our readers and I do hope you have many more happy years reading 'Woman'." Signed: Kolman Weitz. Let them get a woman editor.

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Finger in the pie

Since 1949 (with two short-lived exceptions in 1956 and 1967 when Eilat carried the flag of Israel into battle) the Government has consistently disregarded the importance of Eilat and the well-being of its inhabitants. The Government is made up of Ministries — each of which has a finger in the Eilat pie. But there has never been any co-ordinated operation between them with regard to the realistic planning of the town's future. Tourism grew up here despite the Ministry of Tourism which only in 1965 formed the Eilat Foreshore Development Company. With the influx of investors, was there any co-ordination between the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Housing with regard to housing for tourism workers? Did the Ministry of Tourism consult with the Ministry of Education with regard to promoting a School of Tourism to train staff from the residents of the town? Did the Ministry of Finance (responsible for the oil tankers) or the Ministry of Transport consult with the Ministry of Tourism with regard to the damage by spillage from tankers or freighters to Eilat's beaches?

Did the Defence Ministry consult with the Ministry of Housing when they snatched up all the empty flats in town? Did the Ministry of Transport consult with the Ministry of Defence with regard to an International Airport near Eilat? Did the Ministry of Development discuss with the Ministry of Housing the needs of Timna and the port? And did the Histadrut once broach the subject with its building company Shikun Ovidim, to build reasonably-priced apartments for young couples in Eilat? After 22 years, Shikun Ovidim at last reached Eilat two months ago, and they are now building 150 luxury flats, which will cost a minimum of I.L.1,000 per sq. metre. But where

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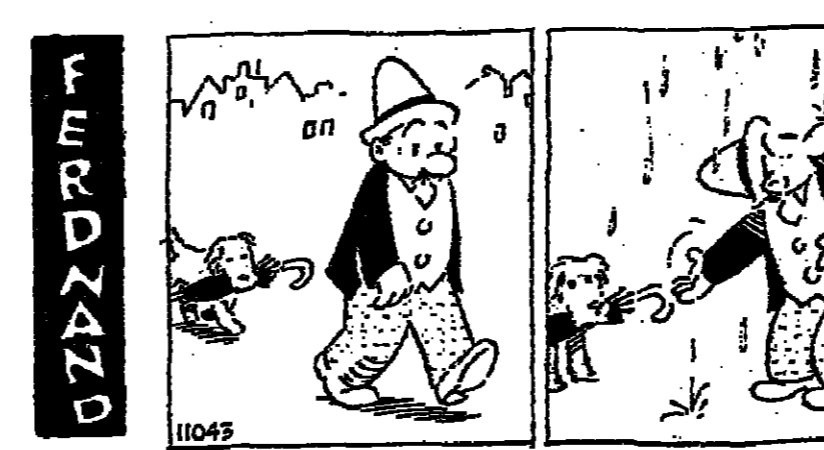
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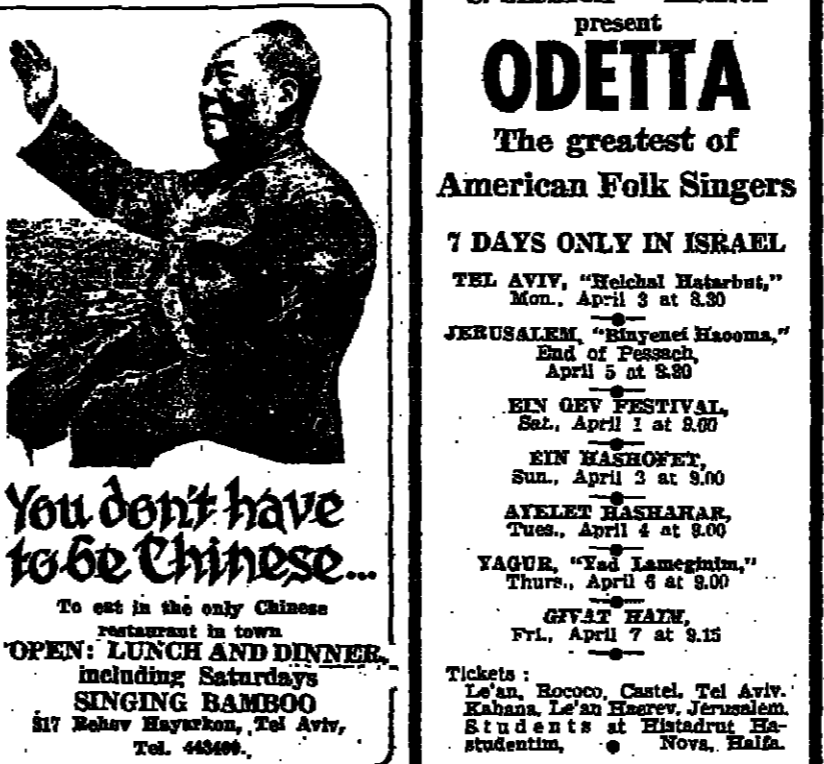
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Disagreement stymies new property tax

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The proposed reform of property tax which was placed before the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday once again failed to please all those who heard it. It was again decided to set up a committee to iron out the differences of opinion over the recommendations.

The committee rejected the proposals outright, but a number of points of interest to them. The Minister of Agriculture, Haim, all for example, sought easier terms for farmers, and particularly shavim. The five-man committee expected to air this and other heresies of opinion, and to report its findings to the Ministerial Economic Committee by mid-April. Despite the fact that this will only be approved by the Knesset after the April 1 date for implementation of the changes, it is intended to operate the new law from the beginning of the year.

The main aim of the proposals, which were originally made by the sub-committee on tax reform, is to bring the value of flats for purposes into line with real estate. One of the most striking aspects of the proposal is that it could mean that some 180,000 owners of flats whose value is less than IL30,000 would not have to pay any tax at all. At the other end of the scale those with large flats will have to pay higher tax than at present.

Today, property tax is based on 10 per cent of the "value" of the flat. However, the "value" is reached by very complicated computations which the frequent result that there is no connection between the "value" for property tax purposes, and real market value of the flat.

Moroccan Jews to see Teachers want how gap can be bridged 9% raise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Five "brains trusts" will present the forthcoming world congress of Moroccan Jews with data and suggestions on bridging the political and social gap, tension foci in Israel, the education gap, investment possibilities and organization.

Over 100 delegates are coming from abroad to join 100 representatives of Moroccan Jewry here at the week-long congress, which starts at Tel Aviv University tomorrow, the chairman of the organizing committee, Mr. Shaul Ben Shimon, told the press here yesterday.

"We shall try our best to maintain a constructive attitude, but we are not going to hide facts," he added.

The Israeli participants include 14 heads of local authorities, 18 secretaries of labour councils, rabbis in development centres, and members of Oded, the organization of North African students. Black Panthers will also be among the delegates, but "in a personal capacity, not as representatives of an organization."

The congress also aims at showing Moroccan Jews from abroad how they can invest and settle here.

"We who came here directly from Morocco did it on an emotional basis. Those who consider immigration today are more rational. They first want to know how they would make out, Mr. Ben Shimon said.

A chair on the Cultural History of Moroccan Jewry will be established at Tel Aviv University on a IL1m fund, towards which the Union of Moroccan Jews is expected to contribute IL500,000 over the next five years, Mr. Ben Shimon said. "We want our children to know to what glorious tradition they belong," he said.

Knesset Committee to air Autocars gift to Labour

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Knesset Economic Committee is expected to reconvene during Passover recess in special session following the disclosure Friday by Finance Minister Pinhas that the Autocars company distributed IL100,000 to the Labour Party. Mr. Sapir told the committee that the money was received by a Party member named Ben who works at Beit Berl, the hour college.

The revelation came after pressure by the Committee members, led by Shmuel Tamir, M.K. (Centre), who claimed that a donation had been made to an education fund named after Sapir and had been recorded in Autocars' books as commission.

Benjamin Rosen, today manager of the Knesset printing press and Labour Party funds director during the last recess, yesterday confirmed to reporters that it was he who received the IL100,000 contribution given by Autocars. He declined to enter into details at the moment, saying he had given them to the Knesset Economic Committee.

The Party yesterday said there was need for the party to make any financial comment.

Mr. Sapir said that he has never received a commission. He also said that there is any fund set up in his name, or that he ever accepted donations or gifts in his name. The Minister said that what did know was that a person named Rosen who works at Beit Berl accepted a IL100,000 contribution for the Party. He knew no other details, not even the first name of Mr. Rosen.

Mr. Sapir's statement caused a storm in the Committee which decided to call Mr. Rosen to appear before them. The members said that now it became clear in addition to the IL100,000, Mr. Sapir had also donated another IL100,000 to the Labour Party.

Mr. Tamir said that there was a company seriously interested in purchasing the Autocars plant at Hat Hacarmel, and two people interested in the Leyland Ashplant. He expressed the opinion

'No money' not excuse for delaying salaries

Lack of money is no excuse for failure to pay salaries on time, the National Labour Court declared in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Court stated this in upholding a decision of the Beerbeha Labour Court to award severance pay and compensation for delays in salary payments to a teacher who was an employee of Hinnuch Atzmai, the independent educational system of Agudat Yisrael.

The teacher, Menahem Dov Schwartz, claimed his salary had always been late during 1964 to 1970, when he was employed in the Hinnuch Atzmai system. During the last year of his employment, the delay was two weeks or more. At that time, he was serving as a school principal in Ashdod.

During the summer holidays of that year, he was notified that he was to be transferred to a teaching position in Ramat Gan. He resigned, and sued his employers for severance pay (claiming his resignation was prompted by deterioration of working conditions) and for compensation for the delays in wage payments.

The Beerbeha Court awarded him IL5,000 severance pay and IL600 in compensation for the delays.

The Hinnuch Atzmai Centre appealed this decision, offering the explanation that the delays were not intentional, but resulted from lack of funds. In turning down the appeal, the National Labour Court said that should this excuse be accepted, the law would be useless. Employers must ensure their ability to pay, without expecting employees to "finance" their operation. (Hm)

Kosher for Passover exports Broader aid to handicapped urged

By DAVID LENNON

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The committee appointed by Labour Minister Yosef Almog to recommend ways of implementing disability insurance yesterday presented the Minister with its recommendations. Mr. Almog said that he intends to use them as the basis of a proposed law which he will bring to the Cabinet and the Knesset within a few months.

The insurance is intended to complete the network of insurance for the handicapped which already exists, the Minister explained at a press conference at his office in Jerusalem yesterday. There are at present 45,000 handicapped adults and another 15,000 children and youth (under the age of 18) who are not covered under the provisions which exist for victims of work accidents, war or border incidents, or soldiers injured while on active service in the army.

Mr. Almog said that he accepted most of the recommendations of the committee, with the exception of one to raise premiums to the National Insurance Institute. Since April 1970 half a per cent of wages have been deducted by the Institute for this purpose, and by the time the new law becomes operational, probably around April 1973, some IL140m. will have accumulated in the fund for disability insurance. In Mr. Almog's opinion this is quite adequate for the time being, and he said that only in two years time will he consider increasing premiums.

Here are the main recommendations of the 25-man committee which was appointed in mid-1971. Chairman was Prof. Kalman Mann, Director of Hadassah Hospital.

- The new law will include all those involved from birth, through illness or accidents, except those already covered by existing insurances (as noted above). The definition of an invalid for the purposes of the law will be "everyone who as a result of a physical or mental handicap is totally incapable of earning his living or whose earning capacity is reduced by more than half."
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 - The invalid will be entitled to medical services, rehabilitation and welfare, vocational rehabilitation services, and a cash allowance which will enable him to support himself on a level not much below that which he enjoyed prior to being incapacitated.
 - The allowance will be composed of one part, which will be 20 per cent of the average wage (IL160 at today's prices), and another amounting to a sum equivalent to 50 per cent of the person's wage before being handicapped.
 - Housewives and children who themselves don't pay insurance premiums, but whose husbands or fathers do, will be entitled to medical services, rehabilitation and welfare.
 - Persons who are invalids at present should also be included in the coverage of the new law, the committee recommends.

U.S. Governor begins library in Etzion Bloc

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In the last two years the U.S. has supplied more arms to Israel than in any similar period in the past. The Nixon Administration is determined not to permit Russia to dominate the Middle East, and its policy of keeping Israel strong is one facet of that determination.

That was the message which the Republican Governor of Illinois, Richard B. Ogilvie, brought to a large gathering of Israelis and Americans at Aton Shrut, in the Etzion Bloc yesterday.

The occasion was a groundbreaking ceremony for the Richard B. Ogilvie International Library, which is to be built as part of the yeshiva at Aton Shrut.

Money for the library came from a group of Illinois philanthropists, both Jewish and Gentile — 107 of whom flew over with the Governor to take part in the ceremony.

FRIEND OF NIXON

Governor Ogilvie, a personal friend of President Nixon, said that the Administration was committed to a policy of not putting pressure on Israel to withdraw without firm guarantees for her security.

He said that the building of the library in his name brought to mind the sacking of the U.S. Cultural Centre library in Cairo a few years ago, "while smiling policemen looked on," said Governor Ogilvie: "If the Arabs had spent more time building libraries instead of burning them, there might have been peace by now in the Middle East." But the Egyptians, he continued, had sold themselves for Russian guns and missiles.

Leading the group of Illinois philanthropists was Judge R. Holzer, who also spoke at the ceremony. Rabbi Zvi Wittiger of Chicago conducted the proceedings, and Rabbi Dr. Aron Lichtenstein, Principal of the Aton Shrut yeshiva, delivered the opening address. Interior Minister Dr. Yosef Burg also greeted the participants, and gave a reception for the Illinois group at the King David Hotel in the evening.

Businessmen from Illinois accompanying Mr. Ogilvie were guests of the acting president of the Manufacturers Association, Mr. Abraham Shavit, at a reception at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Marmureanu loses in doubles finals

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The Beerbeha invitation tennis tournament ended on a high note on Saturday night, when England's Ken Weatherley and new immigrant Steve Yellin from the U.S. took the men's doubles crown with an impressive 4-1, 10-6 triumph against top-seeded Petre Marmureanu (Romania) and Yosef Stabholz.

Australia's seventh-ranking Ian Fletcher arrived here over the weekend to join the current spring tennis circuit, which resumes on Wednesday with the International Passover tournament in Tel Aviv.

Fletcher, who won the 1968 spring Internationals here, brings to 11 the number of overseas players in the circuit — six of them Australians.

Meanwhile, youngsters from Philadelphia continued to rule the court at the Passover Nationals being played at Maccabi Tzafon in Tel Aviv.

HASHSTIFLES SEX DESIRE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hashshifles has a stifling effect on sexual desire, some 450 psychologists convened at Tel Aviv University for the 12th Israel Psychologists Convention were told here yesterday.

The sexual desire and performance of 15 male rats was considerably reduced when three university researchers got them high on hash. According to the report delivered at the convention, some of the rats could not decide on engaging in the sexual act in an average time span. Drug-free control group rats were rather quick at reaching the decision.

Another report submitted to the convention contends that the desire for peace is higher in children during Passover. A study carried out by Dr. Amer Ziv and Z. Nebehus of Tel Aviv University examined the attitudes of 660 Tel Aviv area children before the Six Day War, during it and during the war of attrition. It was during the latter period that the desire for peace was most marked.

STOCKS UP MORE THAN 2 PER CENT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Share prices again soared in yesterday's heavy trading — IL4,276,000 worth of shares, the second largest turnover this year after February 2, when IL4,494,700 were traded. All round demand sent share prices to their best, with the following being quoted "buyers only": Foreign Trade Bank, Elgar registered, Ampa, Amisarr and Unico.

The general atmosphere has been that what you don't buy today, you may have to pay more for in days to come.

The general index of share prices was up by more than two per cent (2.08%), to 134.69 points.

Wolfson gained eight, when 128,000 shares were bid for, Sahar plus 7.5 (17,500), Rasoco preferred plus 10 (106,000), Delek registered plus 10 (71,400), Bank Leumi Investment plus 5 (194,500).

Demand continued in the variables, and prices moved up with only few to close below their best. Bank Leumi added two points to close at 293, Cial Industries added three (135), Hasmech six (191), Wolfson gave up 1.5 points to close at 121.5 after being traded as high as 125. I.L.D.C. which opened at 208, unchanged, added seven points with a demand for 30,000 shares to close at 215 after 217. Rasoco ordinary gave up four points after being traded as high as 74.5. Foreign Trade Investment rose nine points in the opening on bids for 29,500 shares and closed up one more at 110, after 112.5.

Eliahu Pardess, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of J'lem



RABBI ELIAHU PARDESS

Rabbi Eliahu Pardess, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, died yesterday of a brain hemorrhage at Hadassah Hospital. He was 79.

The funeral in the afternoon was attended by the two Chief Rabbis, Cabinet Ministers and Knesset Members, and many public figures. Rabbi Pardess was buried on the Mount of Olives, after eulogies by Rabbi David Ovadia and the heads of the Religious Council.

Rabbi Pardess was born in Jerusalem, to a family long noted for its Torah scholars. He studied in the Sephardi yeshiva in the Old City, and was among the first students of the Hebrew University.

During the 1930s, Rabbi Pardess was sent on behalf of the Vaad Halaumi (pre-State Jewish "government") to various Jewish communities in oriental countries to help in furthering religious education. He was offered pulpits in Beirut and Alexandria, but preferred to return to Jerusalem.

From 1947 until his election as Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem in 1960, Rabbi Pardess served as Chief Rabbi of Ramat Gan. His election to head the Jerusalem Rabbinat filled a vacancy of five years' duration, created by the death of Chief Rabbi Hitzkiyahu Shabbtai in 1955.

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In 1970, Rabbi Pardess was accorded the distinction of being a "Jerusalem Worthy." He is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters, 30 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The death of Rabbi Pardess leaves the Capital without a Sephardi or Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi. No Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi has been elected since the death of Rabbi Zvi Pessah Frank 11 years ago (Rabbi Bezalel Zolt, a Judge on the Rabbinical Supreme Court, was unofficially "elected" Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem several months ago by a group of the Capital's rabbis and leading Orthodox citizens, but the authorities deem this "election" illegal).

The Jerusalem Religious Council, whose newly-elected composition took office two weeks ago, has already announced its intention of issuing a tender for the position of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, and it is now likely that this will be a double tender — to fill both positions.

One name being mentioned already as a likely candidate is that of Rabbi Haim David Halevi of Rishon Lektion.

Black Hebrew fell on own axe, defendant says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BERESHEVA. — Black Hebrew Cornel Kirpatrick died accidentally, when he fell on his own axe which he had dropped in a fracas with five of his fellow Hebrews in a diamond on January 20. This was the version of Thomas Whitfield, 26, the last of the five defendants to testify in their trial for manslaughter in the Beerbeha District Court.

Whitfield claimed he did not participate in the quarrel — "I was only a bystander," he said.

The summations are due to begin tomorrow.

Housewives undaunted by soaring holiday prices

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Going up to Jerusalem is not the only feature of this year's Passover holiday. Housewives are learning that the prices of foodstuffs are also climbing — by some 20 per cent on the average over last year.

Moreover, shoppers standing in long queues at open-air markets and supermarkets are finding some fruits and vegetables altogether hard to obtain. Tomatoes this year are particularly scarce (as of poor quality), costing anywhere from IL3.50 to IL2.5 a kilo. Prices of carrots have also soared, averaging IL1.90 per kilo.

Oranges have jumped from 65 agorot last Passover to 85 agorot this year. Peppers are almost as scarce as tomatoes, and rather pitiful-looking samples are available for some IL4 per kilo. Eggplant and avocado prices are also on the rise.

Apples, traditional ingredients of the Seder ritual, cost more than they did last year as well, from IL2-IL2.50 per kilo, to IL2.50-IL3.50.

Traditional Passover provisions are also dearer this year. A two-and-a-half kilo box of Matzot is up by 20

Murderer gets 2nd life term

TEL AVIV. — A 24-year-old man, serving a life sentence for the murder of his girlfriend, was sentenced at the District Court here last week to life imprisonment for the second time, for the murder of another girl.

Uriel Lebowitz, who had been convicted of the murder of Sima Akhoul on Mr. Carmel in 1968, admitted after his arrest that he had murdered Kochava Ferrera in Azor, earlier that year. During his trial for the Akhoul murder, Lebowitz made a suicide attempt, and his defence counsel said he was insane. He was hospitalized for psychiatric observation, but later ruled fit to stand trial.

The Tel Aviv District Court rejected the defence claim that Lebowitz' confession was forced from him by police, with a promise that he would be declared insane. (Hm)

Mexico Day at Hebrew U.

The cornerstone of "Casa Mexico" was laid on Mount Scopus yesterday, and an honorary fellowship was conferred on Don Miguel Aleman, former President of Mexico.

Accompanying Mr. Aleman through his day-long visit to the University were his wife, Mrs. Isela Becker; Mexican consular officials including cultural attaché Mrs. Fleischer and First Secretary Renaldo Calderon Franco; H.E. Fyranada Castro, Director-in-Chief of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico; Chairman of the University's Board of Governors Mr. Sam Rothberg; members of the University's Latin American Studies Department, headed by Dr. Eddy Kantman, and representatives of the university and the Israel Foreign Ministry.

Attending the luncheon was a delegation of the Mexican Friends of the University, headed by Mr. Isidoro Becker; Mexican consular officials including cultural attaché Mrs. Fleischer and First Secretary Renaldo Calderon Franco; H.E. Fyranada Castro, Director-in-Chief of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico; Chairman of the University's Board of Governors Mr. Sam Rothberg; members of the University's Latin American Studies Department, headed by Dr. Eddy Kantman, and representatives of the university and the Israel Foreign Ministry.

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Where terror failed, poverty succeeds SETTLERS LEAVE MOSHAV ZAR'IT

Jerusalem Post Staff
The settlers of Moshav Zar'it on the Lebanese border, undaunted by shelling and terrorist infiltrations, yesterday demonstrated their abandonment of their village for one week in protest against the alleged indifference of the authorities to what they consider a far worse enemy — poverty.

"If in a week from now, we return and see that nothing has changed for the better we'll take even more drastic steps," David Levi, one of the settlers told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The villagers claim that the Jewish Agency Settlement Department had failed to keep its promise to provide each family with an additional 11 dunams of land and 1,000 chickens. "Our situation is bad," one of the settlers complained. "We have some orchards, vineyards and chickens, but not enough to make a decent living on. Some of us have had to earn additional income by trading, some by taking outside jobs."

Mr. Avraham Dror, until recently a member of the local council, said: "Things are desperate. We've been waiting for years for those promises to be kept."

The chairman of the Ma'aleh Ha-gall Regional Council, Mr. Yosef Waskert, said that nothing could be done at the local level to improve the farmers' lot. But, he said, not enough had been done by the settlement authorities.

"I'm afraid that other moshavim

in a similar situation will follow Zar'it's example," he said. The Director-General of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, Mr. Yehiel Admoni, said in a statement issued yesterday that the land shortage had been taken into account when the Galilee hill settlements had been planned. The members of Zar'it and other moshavim were not supposed to live exclusively from farming, but also from outside work and local industries. "But that is a development which may take years," he added.

He said that an industrial plant would be set up at Goren, six kilometers away, where Zar'it settlers would be able to get jobs and technical training.

"The problem is not one of budgets but of the moshavim's own internal setup. Unfortunately, the settlers of Zar'it do not understand, as other moshavim do, that they must rely more on their own efforts and less on the authorities," Mr. Admoni said.

The Moshav Movement Secretariat in Tel Aviv yesterday condemned the action of the settlers, while agreeing that some of their complaints were justified. A spokesman said the Movement would consider dismantling the Moshav.

Meanwhile, *Post* reporter Yoel Dar, who visited Zar'it yesterday, reports:

It looked like a ghost village. Most houses were abandoned, with locked doors and broken shutters, I was greeted by barking dogs, which normally guard this border village against infiltrators from Lebanon. On the other side of the border, Lebanese fellahs could be seen working their fields.

Most of the settlers had packed up early in the morning and left to spend the Passover holiday with relatives elsewhere.

Kupat Holim up to IL4.90 dearer

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Kupat Holim yesterday increased its monthly charges by up to IL4.90. This will raise Histadrut members' dues at top grade from IL36 to nearly IL41.

The decision was taken by the Kupat Holim National Control Commission — its top executive. It adopted a deficit budget — with expenditure of IL600m. and revenue of IL532m.

Kupat Holim chairman Moshe Soroka said the increased charges should bring in IL19m. He also urged the Finance Ministry to increase the Government subsidy to Kupat Holim.

Mr. Soroka said that the population served by Kupat Holim will grow by 50,000 in the coming year due to immigration and natural increase. In order to maintain the level of services, 480 new jobs will have to be created. Kupat Holim will not expand hospital services in the coming year.

Kupat Holim has a staff of 17,500, including 4,000 physicians and 5,000 nurses.

German tourists bring own hotel

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — There'll be no hotel booking problem for a group of 45 German tourists who arrived for a three-week visit in the m.s. Dan yesterday. They brought their own mobile hotel, bus and trailer, fitted with beds, of the German Rotel Company.

The Dan and the liner Samsun brought several hundred tourists, as well as 120 new immigrants from various European countries, and a group of 20 young Danes, members of the Dakiv (Danish Kibbutz Friends) Organization, who came to work in kibbutzim for three months.

Scandal sheet's scandals told by former editor

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The close ties of "Haolam Hazeh" and its publisher with some establishment figures who use the magazine to smear political opponents is one of the points highlighted by the former co-founder, Mr. Shalom Cohen, M.K., in his new book "Haolam Hazeh," which he launched at a press conference here yesterday.

Subtitled: "Secrets of a terrorizing weekly as only one who edited it for 20 years can really know," Mr. Cohen explained that "the book contains the truth but not all of it." He says he decided to write it following the stormy break with publisher Uri Avneri which ended more than 20 years of partnership in the magazine and in political action. "I do not seek to excuse myself. I was as much as to blame, and I wrote the book not to counter the slanders against me and not in order to escape responsibility for the things I did in those 20 years but to enlighten the public as to the real facts about the magazine's methods and who Uri Avneri really is."

Mr. Cohen said that subsequent information that reached him had taught him that Mr. Avneri "is one of the wildest protagonists of Hebrew racialism, of militarism and worship of war..." Mr. Cohen said he was ready to appear in court if anyone sued him for libel.

According to his book, the only public figure who stood up to "Haolam Hazeh" was Agudat Yisrael M.K. Rabbi Mordechai Porush, who despite pressure stood his ground against the magazine which showed him in a photo montage with a nude. Mr. Cohen charged that Foreign Minister Abba Eban dropped his attack on Mr. Avneri (over Avneri's critical remarks in a German paper on Israeli diplomats) after one of Mr. Avneri's aides threatened the then head of the Minister's bureau, Mr. M. Lapidot that the magazine would print some unpleasant gossip about Mr. Eban.

Mr. Cohen also claimed that "Haolam Hazeh" has had for some time a regular source of information in

the circle close to Deputy Premier Yigal Alon. The source provided information on the archaeological hobby of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

The case goes back to 1968 — according to Mr. Cohen — when some sales of the antiquities were allegedly made through "Maslit," which was then under the aegis of the Minister of Labour, Mr. Alon, as Labour Minister, told his aides, "and one of them brought the story to me. He was our contact man who regularly supplies information to 'Haolam Hazeh'."

Toucheing on charges inside the Labour Party that a cabal of anti-Dayan forces backed the "Haolam Hazeh" campaign, Mr. Cohen related that "the General-Manager of Shikun Ordim, Mr. Avraham Ofer, endorsed tens of thousands of pounds worth of advertisements in the magazine, claiming that they had similar political views and he wished to support a magazine of the 'doves'." In this connection, Mr. Cohen noted the efforts made by many politicians to be on good terms with the magazine and Mr. Avneri.

Mr. Cohen related having been handed the minutes of a closed meeting of the N.R.P. Executive by its chairman, Mr. Yitzhak Raphael. The N.R.P. was discussing an agreement between the late Interior Minister Moshe Shapir and Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapir on changing the "Who's A Jew" legislation.

One passage in the book deals with Mr. Avneri's ultra-nationalist right-wing past. Before 1948 he was named Osterman, and contributed to a Revisionist journal named "Bakshava" of which he called for "the birth of a new Hebrew race."

Radio's summer schedule held up

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Some summer radio programmes may not be introduced as scheduled on April 2 because of a dispute with Israel Radio's 80 technicians, the Broadcasting Authority spokesman said yesterday.

A three way meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday with Histadrut Trades Union department Head Uriel Abrahamovich and representatives of management and staff, failed to end in agreement.

The technicians are asking for a 38 hour week, compared to the present 47. Management is offering a 41-hour week on condition that radio reporters are allowed to use uncomplicated portable tape recorders like a small Sony, which out on a story. The technicians, 60 in Jerusalem and 30 in Tel Aviv, have rejected the proposal.

Man killed in Rehovot crash

REHOVOT. — A 51-year-old Bnei Israel man was killed in Rehovot last night, when the commercial van he was in collided with an Egged bus. The victim, Zecharia Frankel, died shortly after arrival in Kaplan Hospital.

The bus driver, Yitzhak Kapah of Ashkelon, 27, was seriously injured. Two passengers on the bus sustained light injuries.

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Palm-bearing women, part of yesterday's Palm Sunday procession, wend their way down the Mount of Olives towards the Old City's walls.

Palm-bearing pilgrims in Jesus' footsteps

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Close to 10,000 Catholics, chanting Hosannas and bearing palm fronds, yesterday followed the path of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem in an hour-long Palm Sunday procession.

The march wound its way over the Mount of Olives from Betphage to St. Anne's Convent in the Old City, a distance of two kilometers. Blessed by spring-like weather, the marchers were watched by thousands on the Mount of Olives and at Lion's Gate, through which they entered the Old City.

Predominant in the procession were students from 34 church schools and colleges throughout the country, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem and

Nazareth. Each school bore its own flag. Leading the procession were boy scout contingents. Many Catholic tourists, lay and clergy, also participated.

The procession passed through the village of A-Tor stop the Mount of Olives, descending the west face of the slope on a narrow path below the Intercontinental Hotel leading through the Garden of Gethsemane.

Another procession was staged in the afternoon by 400 members of Catholic youth clubs from East Jerusalem and Bethlehem, the first such staged since the Six Day War. The youths marched from Gethsemane along the north wall of the Old City, entering the Christian Quarter at the New Gate.

U.S. firm impressed by Ashkelon oil prospects

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

There may be oil in Ashkelon. The chances seem so good that an American company has agreed to put up 50 per cent of the exploration costs, in return for 50 per cent of the expected find. Lapidot, the veteran Israeli drilling company, will do the drilling.

The decision is especially surprising following years of disappointment in the Ashkelon area. At present Lapidot is producing a mere 60,000 tons of oil per year from its field at Heletz — and this after investing millions in exploration.

According to the Petroleum Commissioner at the Ministry of Development, Mr. Moshe Eitinger, the decision to drill came after data from a recent operation in the area of Barnea 1 — gave room for "surprising optimism." Geological data from the drill seems to justify more probes in the area, and these have been decided upon at Barnea 3, and Ashkelon 5 — south and north of the town.

All in all some IL2m. will be invested in the two operations. The American company does not want to be named at present, and it is understood that should oil be found the company will receive 50 per cent of production in royalties.

Drilling time is expected to be between 75 and 80 days on both operations and maximum depth will be 2,400 metres.

All in all, Lapidot has seven or eight projects on their books at present, — including three operations in Gaza. One project, being

carried out south of Beerseba, also involves American capital (\$7.5 per cent of drilling costs) and has already reached a depth of 2,600 metres.

Meanwhile "ON News" reported yesterday that the Government will spend IL25m. this year on geological and geophysical surveys aimed at encouraging foreign prospectors to invest in Israel. Another IL25m. has been earmarked to finance actual drilling operations. All in all the Government will spend \$15m. on oil exploration, financed by one per cent of the revenue from the oil tax, and 0.2 per cent of the development budget.

Sales of oil and natural gas at the Heletz fields was IL6m. — with just over a third coming from oil. The oil fields at Abu Rudeis produced six million tons of oil, with sales totalling around IL250m.

Two boys hurt in cartridge blast

TEL AVIV. — Two 12-year-old boys were injured Saturday night when a rifle bullet one of them threw into a bonfire they had made near their home in Jaffa exploded, shattering lead fragments all around them.

One of the boys was injured in the face and the other in the abdomen. They were taken to Donolo Hospital where they received first aid and were sent home. (TAM)

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Variable amounts of high-medium clouds with a larger rise in temperature.
Western winds; a weak low.
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Nazareth	10-11	10-11
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Shomron	10-11	10-11
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Yotvata	12-20	12-20
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Be'er Sheva	12-20	12-20
Dimona	12-20	12-20
Yotvata	12-20	12-20

ARRIVALS

Count Wilhelm Wachmeister, director of the political department of the Swiss Foreign Ministry, for a week's visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.

Prof. David M. Basir, director-general of Shaare Zedek Hospital, from England and Western Europe (by El Al).

Large group of Soviet Jews lands

LOD AIRPORT. — A large group of immigrants from the Soviet Union arrived here early yesterday morning. The newcomers are from Latvia, Lithuania, Georgia and Russia.

Burglary suspect freed beating story credible

A Jerusalem magistrate yesterday freed from custody, after doubting the credibility of the police's denial that the man had been beaten during interrogation.

The unavoidable conclusion from what I have just heard is that the suspect was beaten in the police lock-up," Magistrate's Court Judge Moshe Shalgi said. He was hearing the police's request for remand of David Azulia, who was arrested on Friday on suspicion of having committed burglaries in homes in the Bar'at and Katsamon quarters.

Azulia complained to the judge that he had been beaten with a wooden plank in the lock-up and that the police had threatened to make him confess by means of "injections." The two policemen who brought the suspect to court could not explain the source of the bruises on his body, and Judge Shalgi ordered him released without bail.

The judge also ordered the police to investigate the incident and bring it to the attention of the Attorney General. "The court cannot remain silent in the face of the police's denial that the man had been beaten during interrogation. It is not fully confident that they will receive decent and humane treatment."

In a reaction to the judge's remarks, the Deputy Commander of the Jerusalem Police District, Sgar Mizrahi, Avraham Turgenan, told "Hem" that he was surprised at the aspersions cast on the integrity of the police. "It is a common practice of criminal suspects to complain of police brutality in an attempt to evade remand. In our case, we have ordered an officer to investigate this particular case."

"The decision to release him is an extreme one, particularly in view of the fact that the man's fingerprints were found in one of the burgled apartments," Mr. Turgenan said. (TAM)

TWA plane in trouble lands safely at Lod

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

LOD AIRPORT. — Dozens of fire engines and ambulances converged on the terminal here before dawn yesterday, following an emergency call radioed by the captain of a TWA jetliner inbound in transit through Lod from the Far East with 121 passengers on board.

Some time after taking off from Bombay, the captain of TWA Flight 811 noticed something amiss with the hydraulic system governing the lowering and raising of the plane's tricycle undercarriage. He informed Lod control tower of the mishap and requested that all steps for a possible emergency be taken.

An immediate call alerting all available ambulances and fire engines (in addition to those available at the airport itself) was sent out. The plane should have landed at

Lod at 3.45 a.m. The pilot flew in over Lod to schedule but, obeying instructions from the control tower, circled overhead for an additional 90 minutes in order to be able to use the new, "silent runway," Lod's longest and smoothest strip which still lacks illuminated markers. The plane was kept alert until there was enough light to make the approach. The safe landing of Flight 811 came a most as an anti-climax.

The company had a spare plane available at Lod. Following a brief rest and re-arrangements for 42 passengers and the transfer of 11 baggage, Flight 811 continued on way, almost on schedule.

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